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MONCTON SHOOTING

Mountie official testifies

A senior Mountie has refused to admit that front line officers who responded to a shooting rampage in Moncton, N.B., didn't have the proper training or equipment to handle the heavy-armed gunman.

"I can't admit that," Deputy Commissioner Kevin Brosseau testified Tuesday at the RCMP's Labour Code trial.

The RCMP is accused of failing to provide members and supervisors with the appropriate information, instruction, equipment and training in an active-shooter event.

Carbine rifles were not available to front line officers during Justin Bourque's shooting rampage on June 4, 2014, and Crown witnesses have testified the high-powered weapons could have made a difference in the tragedy that killed three Mounties and wounded two others.

Brosseau said he worked on the carbine program for about a year beginning in January 2011 and that it was his highest concern at the time.

He said his team conducted research on which rifle should be chosen, how they would be deployed across the country and how to justify to the public arming front line officers with semi-automatic rifles.

Brosseau said he made several presentations about the progress of the carbine project to the RCMP's senior executive committee that year, and said it was clear to him that acquiring carbines for front line officers was a high priority for the top brass. "It had a very high priority for me and for the rest of the directorate... and needed to move forward with haste," the defence witness told Judge Leslie Jackson in Moncton provincial court.

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Police have charged a woman in southern Alberta with making online threats against Sophie Gregoire Trudeau. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

RCMP charge woman with threatening Sophie Gregoire

CRIME

Investigators trace social media account to Lethbridge

Police have charged a woman in southern Alberta with making online threats against the prime minister's wife and the Canadian government.

RCMP Cpl. Hal Turnbull said investigators were able to trace the social media account and link it to an address in Lethbridge.

"The threats were allegedly made against the Canadian government as well as against the prime minister's wife, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau," he said Tuesday.

Details of the threats and the social media platform were not released.

Turnbull said Lisa Seymour-Peters, 49, was arrested May 12.

She has been charged with one count under the Criminal Code of uttering threats.

Seymour-Peters has been released from custody on the conditions that she not contact or be found within 100 metres of Sophie Gregoire Trudeau or her immediate family.

As well, she is not to attend any political gathering or function.

She is to appear in Lethbridge provincial court on June 8.

RCMP cautioned people about what they post online.

"Using social media as a means by which to make threats against an individual or a group of people is not to be taken lightly and may result in criminal charges if a police investigation obtains evidence to support the laying of such charges."

> "The threats were allegedly made against the Canadian government as well as against the prime minister's wife. RCMP Cpl. Hal Turnbull

Last year an Ontario man was acquitted on charges of making death threats against Gregoire Trudeau.

The man was overheard making comments on a Via train and was charged with uttering threats to cause death.

The judge in the case ruled that words alone without context were not enough for a conviction.

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STATISTICS CANADA

Canadians living American dream better than Americans

A new study from Statistics Canada appears to suggest that 30- and 40-something Canadians are more likely to live the American dream of earning more than their parents than their counterparts south of the border.

The research released Tuesday by the national statistics office found that overall, Canadian children who turned 30 and 40 between 2000 and 2014, earned more than their parents did at the same age.

When looking at similar research about Americans' incomes, Statistics Canada found that rates of absolute income mobility, or the percentage of children who earn more than their parents, were higher in the United States for children born in 1970.

But things changed for children born between 1971 and 1984: Grown American children saw their economic outcomes substantially decline relative to their parents, while their Canadian counterparts saw their rates of income mobility remain relatively stable.

The research published Tuesday found that of Canadians who turned 30 between 2000 and 2014, between 59 and 67 per cent – depending on the year – had a family income that was equal to, or greater than what their parents earned at the same age.

The study says between 61 and 67 per cent – again, depending on the year being looked at – of those in the study had a higher family income at age 40 than their parents did at the same age.

BY THE NUMBERS INCOME OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN

At age 30

Between 59 and 67 per cent of Canadians had a family income equal to, or greater than what their parents earned.

At age 40

Between 61 and 67 per cent of Canadians had a higher family income than their parents did at the same age.

Statistics Canada said that any variations between years appears to correspond with general changes in the economy, a reference to the downturn in 2009 and the slow rebound that followed.

A closer look at the numbers shows children with parents at the lowest income levels were more likely to have a higher family income than their parents did at age 30, while the opposite was true for those whose parents were among the top income earners.

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Business travel down, fun travel up

TOURISM

Leisure bump thanks to Banff, Canada 150 celebrations

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Tourism is down, but the future is looking up.

Speaking at the Tourism Calgary Annual General Meeting, CEO Cindy Ady said business travel is down — largely due to oil and gas — but the city is making up for it through leisure visitors. There were 80,000 room nights sold through travel trade, and 1.2 million room nights over the weekends.

"We were down in the business travel side of things, we knew that would happen in 2016, but we were able to really do a lot of work on the leisure side to help backfill that," she said.

The leisure bump is thanks, in part, to Canada's 150 celebrations and our proximity to Banff.

Tourism Calgary recently announced that travel to the city on the whole was down. Last year, 7.2 million people visited Calgary. That's 850,000 fewer than 2015.

Peter Kajayama, the keynote speaker, praised Calgary for the Peace Bridge, the National Music Centre and what he called little love notes through the city — like new, funky chairs by the river walk. He felt the little assets in the city helped citizens love the city, and visitors.

Looking ahead, Ady feels this is a game changing time for the city, as council considers an Olympic bid, a new stadium and the Green Line project.

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"Vent du Nord," a painting by late Quebec artist Jean Paul Riopelle sold for $7.4 million.

Workplace rules get overhaul

LABOUR

Changes to unpaid leave, overtime pay proposed

The first major overhaul of Alberta's workplace rules in almost 30 years proposes that workers be allowed to take unpaid leave to look after themselves and loved ones without fear of losing their jobs.

The Fair and Family-Friendly Workplaces Act introduced Wednesday also would bring maternity and compassionate leave up to federal standards and set new rules for overtime and vacation pay.

Labour Minister Christina Gray said the changes, hammered out with the help of the former head of the Alberta Labour Relations Board, would modernize laws and bring them in line with most other provinces.

"Our government could not allow legislation that touches the lives of so many to be disregarded any longer," Gray said. "This legislation would bring Alberta's workplaces into the 21st century."

People working for an employer for 90 days would be allowed to take unpaid leave if they were sick, injured, had a death in the family, a missing child or were the victims of domestic violence.

Right now, there are no provisions for leave in those cases.

Overtime would be banked at 1.5 hours for every hour worked instead of straight time. Minimum annual vacation would be two weeks off paid at four per cent of an employee's salary.

Alberta NDP Labour minister, Christina Gray, rolled out new provincial labour rules.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Employers would also be prevented from charging gas station and restaurant workers if customers left without paying.

The changes would allow for a union to be certified without a secret ballot if more than 65 per cent of employees had verified membership cards. Less than 66 per cent would still require a vote.

The proposed labour law update comes after decades of the NDP calling for better rules while the Progressive Conservatives were in power.

Andy Sims, an expert on Alberta and federal workplace laws, helped draft the new legislation. He said it balances the interests of employees and employers, and takes into account the province's recovering economy.

"This is not cutting-edge, lead-the-country reform," Sims said. "In most respects it brings the best experiences from elsewhere to Alberta."

Opposition Wildrose Leader Brian Jean said his party supports parts of the bill that deal with giving workers unpaid leave, but doesn't like sections that deal with nuts-and-bolts changes to the labour code, including changes to union certification votes.

He called on the NDP to split the bill into two.

"It's our hope that the NDP government will recognize that these compassionate care components are separate and distinct from the labour code changes that require greater consultation," he said.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jason Kenney said his party will fight what he called the NDP's attack on workplace democracy.

"So the worst fears were true," Kenney posted on social media. "NDP plans to take away the secret ballot from union certification. An outrageous attack on workplace democracy."

Labour leaders were more positive, but had some concerns.

Guy Smith, president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, said the proposed legislation is a good compromise that would make the handling of labour disputes more fair and efficient.

Smith said the union wishes the government had included a ban on replacement workers during strikes.

"Had there been a blanket prohibition on the use of replacement workers like there are in other provinces ... that would have gone a long way to preventing labour disputes overall."

Gray said the government wants to have the legislation pass in time for it to go into effect in the new year.

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BILL 17

Chamber no fan of Bill 17

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce was less than supportive of the province's new Bill 17 legislation, saying it's ultimately going to force businesses to pay more.

"Bill 17 makes it harder to run a business in Alberta," said Zoe Addington, Director of Policy for the Calgary Chamber, in a prepared release.

According to the Chamber, a recent survey showed 74 per cent of businesses believed their operation would be negatively impacted should their workers be forced to unionize without a legitimate vote. The Chamber also pointed out they believe the legislation strengthens unions and limits a businesses ability to negotiate with workers.

"Businesses will now be guilty until proven innocent," said Addington. Overall, the Chamber said adding this legislation on top of minimum wage increases, tax increases, the carbon levy and new costs in Bill 17 will have a negative impact.

"Thousands of businesses are at risk of closing this year, and 84,000 Calgarians are out of work – Bill 17 will make it harder for both these vulnerable groups," said Addington.

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Gusts were expected to hit 100 km/h on Wednesday

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

The app was developed after the death of three-year-old Michelle Krsek in 2009. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

Don't get blown away: there's an app for that.

The City of Calgary is encouraging people to check the wind speeds in their area through its Calgary Wind Warning App after Environment Canada issued a special wind advisory on Tuesday.

"It's a warning app that gives you quadrant by quadrant forecasts," said Calgary Building Services senior special projects officer Cliff De Jong.

Gusts were expected to hit 100 km/h on Wednesday before calming down on Thursday, according to Environment Canada, which cautioned the wind could cause damage to buildings or loose objects.

"There's a number of different issues that can be caused from the winds," De Jong said.

He explained that any construction site greater than five storeys is required to get an app called the Advanced Weather Forecasting System, implemented in 2011, that lets them know about wind and weather conditions up to 48 hours ahead of time.

"It's actually site and height specific, because the upwind environment can be so different depending on what buildings are upwind of you," De Jong said.

The app was developed after the death of three-year-old Michelle Krsek, who was killed instantly when a piece of corrugated metal blew off a downtown construction site in 2009.

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Alberta firm owns Toronto apartments on rent strike

HOUSING

Tenants claim they're being driven out by management

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Properties owned by the investment firm that manages the Alberta Heritage Fund as well as several provincial pension plans are at the heart of a contentious rent strike in Toronto.

Tenants at three buildings which are majority-owned by Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) are withholding their rent to protest potential rent hikes, and what they claim are inadequate repairs and maintenance.

The buildings are managed and also co-owned by MetCap. Cole Webber works with the Parkdale Community Legal Service, which is advising the tenants taking part in the strike.

About one-third of the tenants in the buildings taking part have been handed documents which begin the eviction process.

"We don't believe that Alberta workers have any interest in pushing low income and immigrant tenants out of their homes," he said.

Webber explained that Ontario has a form of rent control that limits how much landlords can raise rent once a tenant has signed a lease. However the rent can be set at the new market value if a tenant moves out.

He said there is an application process that allows landlords to raise the rent above the usual guidelines if they can show investment in the building.

Webber accused MetCap of doing aesthetic upgrades to common areas of the building and then applying to raise rents by 5 per cent across the board.

He said that five per cent will drive many low-income tenants out. In Toronto's hot housing market, apartments now renting for $900 could go for $1,400 once vacated, Webber said.

$30

MetCap CEO Brent Merrill says tenants will pay an extra $30 a month over the next three years.

MetCap CEO Brent Merrill said the upgrades made to the buildings up for rent increases were necessary and most residents will pay $30 per month more over three years to offset those costs.

He said MetCap has a social conscience, and is willing to work with individual tenants to negotiate reasonable rent increases.

Dénes Németh, director of corporate communication for AIMCo said they use socially responsible investment policies, and that MetCap is meeting its expectations. He's not aware of any concerns raised by Albertans who are receiving pensions managed by AIMCo.

Some residents in three Toronto apartment buildings are refusing to pay rent to draw attention to potential rent increases they may face. The property management company says its just trying to keep the buildings up to standard. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLICE

Union wants to be part of HR decision

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary police union boss said they've yet to be included in discussions on the Calgary Police Service (CPS) HR review or the hiring of an independent advocate.

"My phone hasn't rang once during this entire process," said Calgary Police Association (CPA) president, Les Kaminski.

On Tuesday, the CPS gave the Calgary Police Commission (CPC) an update on hiring an independent advocate who could help staff with reporting and addressing concerns — such as bullying or harassment — in a confidential or anonymous manner.

"We're the biggest stakeholders in this entire thing, we have 2,300 members who are going to be affected by this and I represent those 2,300 members," said Kaminski. "So far not a phone call, not a question, not an ask for a suggestion, not a thing."

A spokesperson for CPS said following the meeting on Tuesday, Kaminski was informed that they'd wanted to take their recommendations to the CPC first to make sure it was on par with what they'd been looking for, but would later be seeking input from the CPA and other labour relations groups.

"The unions including the CPA really form that advocacy piece and so that's where they're looking at making sure any other recommendations implemented don't encroach on a union's role in this," said the spokesperson.

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Same council, no paper

DOCUMENTS

City hopes for eco-friendly meetings after fall election

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

When councillors meet most Mondays, they get hundreds, if not thousands of pages of agenda documents.

But after the fall election the City of Calgary hopes to move to a paperless system.

Bonnie Hilford, deputy city clerk, manager of legislative services has been overseeing the planed rollout. She said it's really part of a regular system life cycle.

The current system the city uses to publish and share committee and council meeting agendas has been in place since 2010, and was due to be updated.

She said anyone who goes online to check council agendas will see a new interface come the fall.

The City of Calgary hopes that stacks of paper like this will be less common in council chambers in the fall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We receive the reports electronically from all over the corporation through that workflow, so there's the option of members of council to receive their agendas paperless already, and some of them do," said Hilford.

She said the new system should be more robust, and easier to navigate.

Hilford said councillors won't be required to go paperless necessarily, but it will be encouraged.

That's good to news to Coun. Gian Carlo-Carra, who said he's not sure if he'd be ready to make the jump to electronic documents.

I prefer paper right now," he said. "If everyone had to go to a digital system, I would do it, but personally, I like to be able to flip back and forth. I like to be able to scribble notes."

He said he recognizes that printing out hundreds of pages each week for 15 councillors plus many more city officials is not environmentally friendly, but he also knows that overall, people are using far less paper than they used to.

He joked that he no longer knows how to use a desktop computer, because he does most of his work on his cell phone.

RENOVATION

TV star pleads guilty

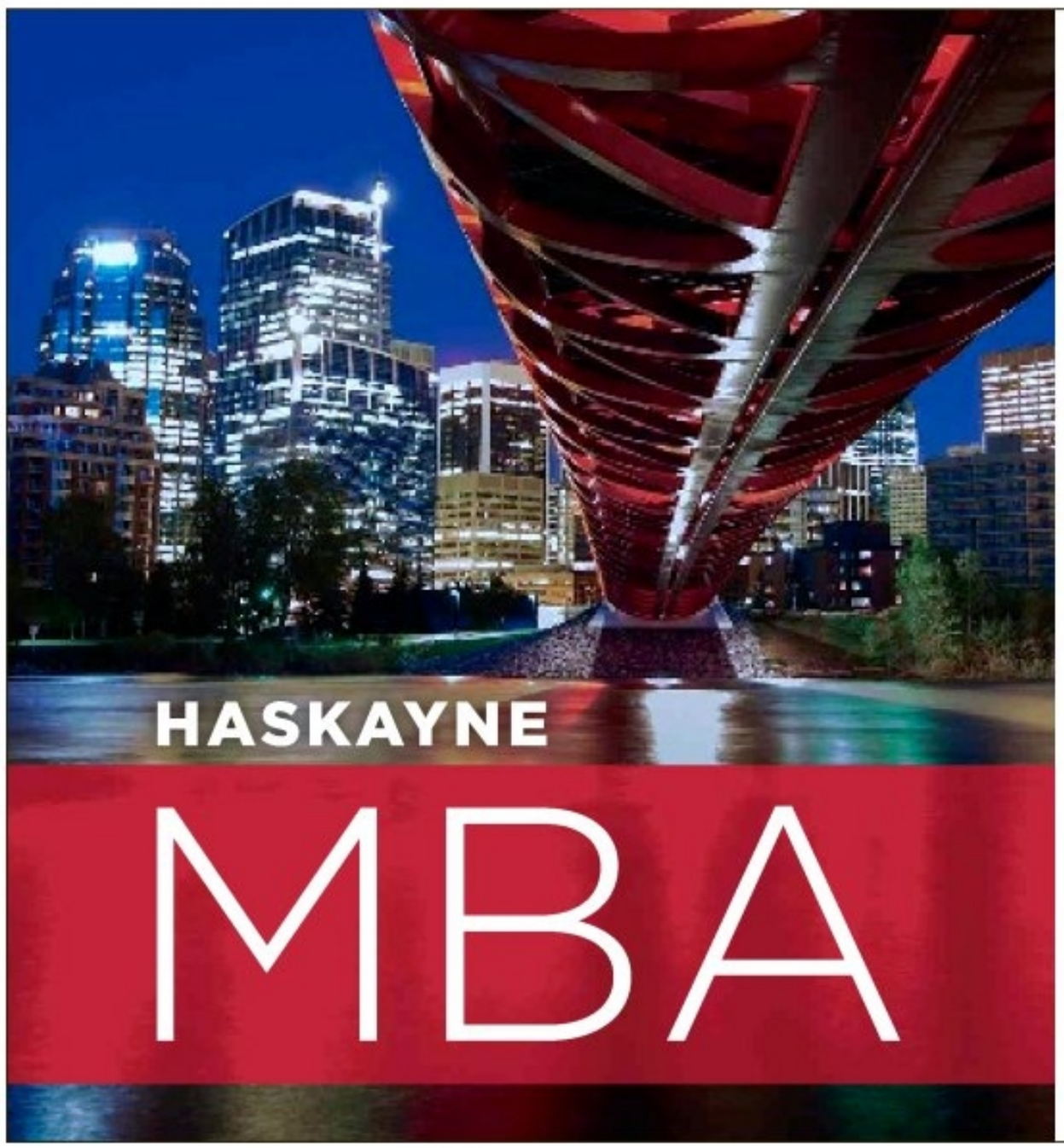
A Calgary contractor who starred in his own home renovation TV series has pleaded guilty to 22 charges related to unfinished construction work.

Bruce Hopkins, owner of The Remodelers, showcased his work on Calgary homes on his TV show "Remodel It."

In 2014, customers submitted complaints that he wasn't following through on the work they paid him for and, soon after, he placed all of his companies into bankruptcy, taking $5 million from 22 Calgary homeowners and leaving them with unfinished work.

The next year, the province charged him with 180 charges under the Fair Trading Act for operating without a prepaid contractor's licence, misleading consumers and failing to provide refunds.

Hopkins pleaded guilty to 22 charges, admitting that he took deposits without a licence and that his contracts were illegal. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Historic bridge gets a lift

COMMUNITY

Crane will help in disassembly of 108-year-old structure

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

When it was time for the Zoo Bridge to come down, the City of Calgary knew they wanted it to come down in a controlled fashion.

"We looked at cutting into pieces but really we can't do that without the whole thing coming apart," said Katherine Hikita, structural engineer with the city.

Hikita said the city looked at a number of options, including building a berm underneath it, but they faced another problem. The 108-year-old 12 Street Bridge has had at least one coat of lead paint

"Cutting it up is a very delicate operation, so we'd rather do that over land than over water," she said. "We want to protect the environment as much as possible."

A Liebherr 1350 crane, brought in from Saskatchewan, will move the entire 12 Street Bridge to the shore line in a process that should take 20 minutes to a half hour. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

The solution to the problem involved a very large crane, brought in from Saskatchewan on 28 tractor-trailers and assembled near the bridge.

It can lift up to 650 tonnes, so the roughly 90 tonne bridge will be a piece of cake for the Liebherr 1350 crane.

What the workers need now is good weather. While they hoped a media event Wednesday would allow the press to get some amazing photos as the bridge was lifted to shore, Alberta's unpredictable weather had other plans.

> **Cutting it up is a very delicate operation.**
> Katherine Hikita

"We are really looking for the wind to be below 15 kilometres an hour," said Hikita. "Rain is not a big deal, snow is not a big deal. Sun is nice to have."

She said they need calm conditions to prevent any swaying. Engineers have done a lot of checking over the bridge for structural problems, and have even done a 3D computer simulation. They're confident it will stay together for the move.

Once it's taken apart, the city has plans to use metal from the bridge in various art projects, including commemoration pieces near the new bridge, which should be open to traffic this fall.

COLLISION

Woman hit in car wreck dies

Speed and medical distress are being investigated after a woman died from injuries sustained after being hit during a car crash near Sunridge Mall Tuesday evening.

Police said they were called around 7 p.m. Tuesday after a 2015 Ford F150 that had been travelling northeast towards the access road from 26 Avenue NE veered off the road to the left before returning to the southwest bound lane, still travelling northeast, into the path of a 2014 Toyota Corolla, colliding with the vehicle.

The Toyota was forced backward before coming to a rest on a traffic island located at the entrance to the 26 Avenue access road.

The Ford mounted the curb and hit a 48-year-old woman who had been walking on the footpath and continuing across the road before crashing into a building and coming to a rest.

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Arthritis treatment helps Alberta girl

MEDICINE

Personalized plan has given Kayla Baayens mobility back

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

If Kayla Baayens didn't find an effective treatment for her arthritis, she was likely going to be in a wheelchair for the rest of her life.

The 10-year-old girl from Red Deer was plagued by an aggressive form of the disease by age nine. She couldn't go to school, lie down comfortably or even brush her hair because of the severe inflammation of her joints.

"When she was originally diagnosed, it was terrifying," Kayla's father, Dean Baayens told Metro. He said it got so bad that her neck was stuck at a 15-degree turn.

"We didn't have time, we needed something that worked now," said Dr. Susanne Benseler, a pediatric rheumatologist at the Alberta Children's Hospital and co-lead of a study that's changing the way kids like Kayla are treated for arthritis.

Pediatric rheumatologists in Canada and the Netherlands have found that by doing a simple blood test to reveal the patient's biological profile, they can design custom treatment plans and pick the right therapies, faster.

200,000
Children in Canada that have arthritis (University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine)

"Many kids are diagnosed with a humongous delay — at a stage where it's already started to damage their joints," Benseler said, adding if Kayla hadn't received effective treatment when she did, her spine would have become so compressed she would need a wheelchair.

"The challenge is, we have to know which (therapy) to choose, and in order to do that, you need to understand the arthritis of the child right in front of you," Benseler said.

Kayla is now taking medications to reverse the damage done to her joints and stop the arthritis from progressing further. So far, she said they're working.

"I can do a whole bunch of things now that I couldn't before," she said. "I'm like a normal kid now." She still gets tired easily, but that's about it for her symptoms since receiving personalized treatment.

"I always wanted to ride a bike but I never really could, I was too weak and my legs just didn't more the way they're supposed to on a bike," Kayla said. "But I really love biking now."

Dean said the difference in his daughter's life is "ridiculous."

"She's got a lot more agility, able to move, she's basically able to participate a whole lot more than she did in the past. It means everything," Dean said.

Dr. Susanne Benseler tests patient Kayla Baayens' mobility. The 10-year-old has arthritis which previously left her unable to even brush her hair, but thanks to personalized treatment based on her biological profile, she's "like a normal kid now." JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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Local entrepreneur's mental self-care kits

ILLNESS TREATMENT

Stresscase is natural, local and aimed at caregivers

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

In the years she's been caring for a loved one with mental illness, there have been some tough moments for Karen Pickles and her family.

After four years, the Calgary entrepreneur wanted to find a way to prevent burn out and support other caregivers, so she started Stresscase — a monthly subscription box full of self-care items that you could order for yourself or as a gift. "Mental illness just happened to hit our family, and it's been a long haul and really tough," Pickles said.

Her daughter Robyn was showing her the different kinds of subscription boxes that have popped up recently — there's a company that will send you monthly hauls for your dog — when they decided to start their own.

"We wanted something with a real sentiment with it, where the message came through that you matter," Pickles said. The two women also wanted to give back after receiving support from others during their own family's journey. Pickles said the boxes are not just for those affected by mental illness, but chronic illnesses and even workplaces that want to give stressed-out employees a break.

She curates products — natural and local to Alberta whenever possible — that will help those caring for others take a moment for themselves. "The person you're taking care of can be without you for 15 minutes while you have a bubble bath to help you chill out," Pickles said.

"Sometimes it does look like things are crashing all around you, so that's why you need to remember to take some time for yourself."

Self-care boxes from Stresscase. CONTRIBUTED

ARREST WARRANT

Former police officer turns himself in

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A former Calgary police officer who had a warrant issued for his arrest after he failed to appear in court Friday has turned himself in.

According to the Calgary Police Service, former Sgt. Anthony Braile turned himself in on Tuesday and the "sensitive arrest protocol" was followed.

Police said the sensitive arrest protocol is in place to ensure individuals who may have had previous interaction with people who are in custody are not placed in close proximity.

"This ensures the safety and duty of care for all involved," said a police spokesperson.

The charges Braile is facing are the result of a two-year anti-corruption investigation that began after a woman came to them in August of 2014 with allegations that she was being harassed by people she believed were hired by her former husband.

Crown prosecutor Julie Snowdon told Metro no new charges have been laid against Braile in relation to his breaches or failure to appear.

Braille was dismissed from the service on an unrelated matter in 2016 stemming from his role in a 2008 high-speed chase that also resulted in charges — and was granted the opportunity earlier this month by the Alberta Court of Appeal to appeal the decision.

Braile will next appear in court on June 2.

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EVENTS

Night Market teams with Southcentre Mall

In south Calgary, something fun is going bump in the night.

The Calgary Night Market has teamed with Southcentre Mall to host four weekends of the market over the summer.

"There's a hunger for entertainment in south Calgary," said Shawn Hanson, the mall's general manager.

"We saw this as an opportunity to acknowledge some of our incredible local talent as well as bring the community together in one place to celebrate Calgary's beautiful summer nights."

> **There's a hunger for entertainment in South Calgary.**
> Shawn Hanson

The now-annual night market was founded by Jeannette Medrano, who wanted to liven up the city's nightlife. In her home country of the Philippines, these kinds of markets are common.

Each event hosts an array of food vendors, musicians and products of all kinds, from locally made clothing to art and jewellery. There's also games and karaoke.

The partnership, she said, not only allows space for more vendors but also more parking and brings the event out of the downtown.

"It's something for Calgarians and families to do — and we're even including pets," Medrano said, laughing. "So it's really everyone." AARON CHATHA/METRO

DETAILS

The Calgary Night Market kicks off June 2 and 3 and will continue through August. Admission is free. Regular hours are 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. each night. Visit marketshoplocal.com for more information.

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Charlie Gould as Little Red in Ghost River's re-imagining of the old fable. COURTESY TYE CARSON

New age for Little Red

THEATRE

Classic fable re-imagined for modern audience

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Sexuality, gender identity, rape culture, consent — this isn't grandma's basket of bread.

Through Ghost River Theatre and the Major Matt Mason Collective, Eric Rose is reimagining the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale through a contemporary lens.

Rose has written a play that's more about Red struggling with her own identity while dealing with modern pressures like mom, grandma and society.

"There's a really horrible moment where these girls take a picture of Red without her consent and post it over the internet," explained Rose.

"This is all wound up within the myths we know, so what's going to be very interesting for an audience is they will know the Little Red Riding Hood story — but how we're changing and adapting it for a contemporary moment really becomes what people will be surprised and engaged by."

Rose is something of an expert in Little Red's not-so-little tale. He's been teaching the myth, and different adaptations of it, in universities and colleges for about seven years.

"I was always amazed at how iconic the imagery is, how it identifiable the tropes and ideas are," he said.

About three years ago, he approached the Major Matt Masson Collective about creating the play. The collective is made up of young and emerging artists, and important voice for the story — in fact, Rose had even taught a few of them before.

"(It's) our first multi-year, collaboratively created piece and the first work to come out of a partnership with a mentor company," said Collective producer Zoe Glassman.

"It encompasses so much of what we seek to do — experiment with theatre techniques, tackle difficult content, and put out work we see being relevant, exciting and important for younger demographics."

Through the process, Rose feels he learned an incredible amount about himself and his own privilege, especially in relation to women, sexual assault and the disempowerment.

"That wasn't something I came by easy, I'll be honest," he admitted. "It was incredibly eye-opening, difficult and often a challenging conversation to talk about it in rehearsal."

He wanted to stay true to the group and their ideas, meaning there are some significant and not-so-significant changes to the fable. For example, the Huntsmen in this version is no saviour — he plays a small part as an ally, in the modern sense of the word.

Little Red runs from June 1 to 10 at the West Village Theatre. Visit ghostrivertheatre.com for more.

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How to interact with wild animals

Some interaction between people and wildlife is inevitable, but as a recent incident between a sea lion and young girl in Steveston, B.C., shows, getting too close to wild animals can result in some terrifying situations. Metro spoke with wildlife experts about what people should and should not do if they encounter these four animals. **WANYEE LI** METRO

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1 Bears

Don't run or climb a tree; don't make eye contact with the bear
Don't scream
Do go indoors without turning your back on the bear
Do move slowly
Do use pepper spray if the bear gets too close

2 Cougars

ISTOCK

Cougars seem attracted to children due to their size and high-pitched voices. Experts recommend parents teach children what to do if they see a cougar.
Don't run
Don't make sudden movements
Do maintain eye contact if the cougar shows interest in you
Do show teeth and make loud noises
Do back away slowly

3 Sea lions

Despite their big eyes and dog-like faces, sea lions are wild animals that are opportunistic predators and will try to eat anything it can get its mouth on, according to the Vancouver Aquarium.
Don't hang your hands over the water near the sea lion
Don't call or talk to the sea lion
Do keep your distance

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ISTOCK

4 Coyotes

Wolves and coyotes are generally shy but if they get too close to humans, it is important that people haze them to ensure they maintain their fear of people.
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Militants besiege Philippine city

MARAWI

President warns he may expand martial law nationwide

Residents flee from Marawi Wednesday. TED ALJIBE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Daesh-linked militants swept through a southern Philippine city, beheading a police chief, burning buildings, seizing a Catholic priest and his worshippers and raising the black flag of Daesh, authorities said Wednesday. President Rodrigo Duterte, who had declared martial law across the southern third of the nation, warned he may expand it nationwide.

At least 21 people have died in the fighting, officials said.

As details of the attack in Marawi city emerged, fears mounted that the largest Roman Catholic nation in Asia could be falling into a growing list of countries grappling with the spread of influence from Daesh, also known as the Islamic State group or ISIS, in Syria and Iraq.

The violence erupted Tuesday after the army raided the hideout of Isnilon Hapilon, a commander of the Abu Sayyaf militant group who has pledged allegiance to Daesh. He is on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists with a $5-million reward for information leading to his capture.

The militants called for reinforcements and around 100 gunmen entered Marawi, a mostly Muslim city of 200,000 people on the southern island of Mindanao, Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said.

"We are in a state of emergency," Duterte said Wednesday after he cut short a trip to Moscow and flew back to Manila. "I have a serious problem in Mindanao and the ISIS footprints are everywhere."

He declared martial rule for 60 days in the entire Mindanao region — home to 22 million people — and vowed to be "harsh." "If I think that you should die, you will die," he said. "If you fight us, you will die. If there is open defiance, you will die. And if it means many people dying, so be it."

But he said he would not allow abuses and that law-abiding citizens had nothing to fear.

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Taken too soon

The victims of the Manchester attack were mothers, fathers, and kids

The names of the 22 victims killed by a bomber at a Manchester concert on Monday night have not been officially released, but here what's known about them so far:

Michelle Kiss was a mother of three children, a loving wife, sister and daughter — and "family was her life," her loved ones say.

In a statement released to Manchester police, her family said: "She has been taken away from us and all that love her in the most traumatic way imaginable."

The Daily Mirror newspaper reported that Kiss attended Monday's concert with her daughter. Her daughter was reported to be safe and was photographed being hugged by a police officer.

An off-duty female police officer was among those killed at Manchester Arena in the bombing of the Ariana Grande concert.

Cheshire Police, the force she served with, confirmed her death on Wednesday but declined to provide further details. British media reported that she was with her husband and two children, and that all three others were injured in the bombing.

Teenager Nell Jones, who went to a school in the village of Holmes Chapel, south of Manchester, was described by a teacher as "a very popular girl, always smiling, always positive."

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and Sixth Form College said police had confirmed Nell died at the scene of the bombing Monday at the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester.

Head teacher Denis Oliver said in a statement Wednesday that the school community was devastated by the news.

Oliver also confirmed that another Year 9 student, Freya Lewis, was badly injured in the attack.

Teenager Olivia Campbell-Hardy, who went to a school near Manchester, was at the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester with a friend on Monday night.

Tottington High School in the town of Bury said the school community was "absolutely devastated and heartbroken" at the news Wednesday that Olivia was killed in the blast.

The school said Olivia, reportedly 15, had been with a friend.

Her mother, Charlotte Campbell, who had been appealing online for news of Olivia, wrote in a Facebook post early Wednesday: "RIP my darling precious gorgeous girl Olivia Campbell taken far, far too soon, go sing with the angels and keep smiling mummy loves you so much."

Saffie Roussos, 8, is the youngest victim identified so far.

In a statement, the head teacher of the Tarleton Community Primary School that she attended in the village of Tarleton, Lancashire, described her as "simply a beautiful little girl in every aspect of the word."

A Polish couple who had come to collect their daughters from the concert in Manchester are among the dead, Poland's foreign minister said Wednesday.

Witold Waszczykowski said the daughters were unharmed. He did not give the couple's names but the daughter of Marcin and Angelika Klis has been searching for her parents since the explosion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manchester City Council workers move the floral tributes from Albert Square to St Anns Square on Wednesday in Manchester, England. Greater Manchester Police are treating the explosion at an Ariana Grande concert as a terrorist attack. GETTY IMAGES

Britain on edge during raids, arrests

Security forces rounded up more suspects Wednesday in the deadly Manchester concert blast and soldiers fanned out across the country to national landmarks as an on-edge Britain tried to thwart the possibility of additional attacks.

Officials scoured the background of the British-born ethnic Libyan identified as the bomber, saying he was likely part of a wider terrorist network. Additional arrests were made both in Britain and in Libya in the bombing that killed 22 people and wounded scores more. Among those taken into custody in Libya were the suspected bomber's father and his younger brother, the latter of whom confessed to knowing "all the details" of the attack plot, authorities said.

Authorities raided British properties thought to be connected to Salman Abedi, the suspected bomber.

British Home Secretary Amber Rudd said Abedi "likely" did not act alone in the strike at the close of an Ariana Grande concert Monday night and that he had been known to security forces "up to a point." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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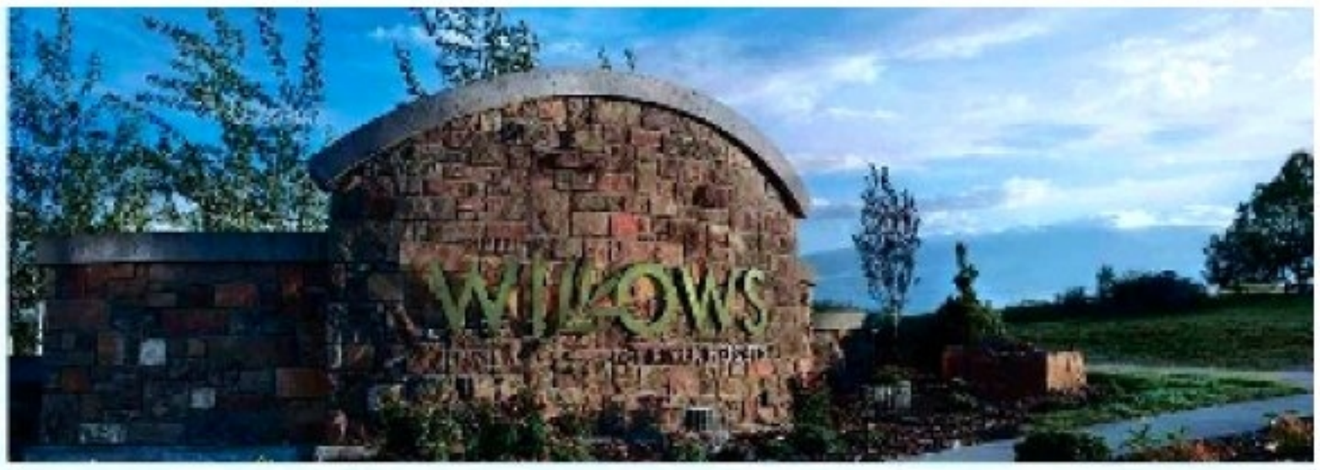

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON TRUDEAU'S PICK FOR LANGUAGE FILE

The government says the quest for a more arms-length merit-based process has been slowing things down. But there is little that is arm's length in the process described.

At this time last year, Madeleine Meilleur was a long-serving cabinet minister in the Liberal government of Kathleen Wynne. Over her 13 years at Queen's Park she held a number of portfolios under two premiers. Her initial time in the legislature coincided with the Ontario tenure of both of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's top aides Katie Telford and Gerald Butts.

When Meilleur left active politics last summer, she had her heart set on securing a senate appointment. That was until it was made clear that Trudeau's more independent senate was no place for a just-retired Liberal politician.

That is how she came to set her sights on the then-soon-to-be-vacant post of commissioner of official languages. She applied for it like anyone else. Before and during her years in politics Meilleur had been a strong advocate for French-language rights. Earlier this month her name emerged as the prime minister's choice for the post. But that is not to say that the process that led to the decision was a blind one.

Meilleur says she had chats about her application with Telford and Butts along the way. And it was Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly — according to her spokesperson — who conducted the final interviews.

The official languages commissioner is one of eight agents of Parliament.

The auditor general is another as is the chief electoral officer. They report to Parliament, not the prime minister.

The collective mission of these parliamentary officers is to act as independent watchdogs in their designated areas of expertise.

The term "independent" is an operative word in their job definition or at least it was until Meilleur's proposed nomination.

That there is less than a degree of separation between Meilleur and Trudeau's Liberal government is not in question. That closeness is unique in the history of similar appointments.

Among the half dozen that served as official languages commissioners since the post was created in 1970, only one, Victor Goldbloom, was ever active in electoral politics. The others hailed from academia, journalism or had been career diplomats.

Goldbloom had served in the Quebec cabinet of Robert Bourassa. But the parallels with Meilleur stop there for he left the National Assembly more than a decade prior to his federal appointment. In the interval, he had held a number of non-partisan positions. And while Goldbloom had been a provincial Liberal MNA, it was Tory prime minister Brian Mulroney who put his name forward.

This is Trudeau's first proposed appointment of an agent of Parliament. There are more to come. At this juncture, more than half the positions are filled on an interim basis. In some instances, as in the case of the chief electoral officer, the length of the hiatus is unprecedented. Marc Mayrand left his post five months ago after having given six months' notice. The government says the quest for a more arms-length merit-based process has been slowing things down.

But there is little that is arm's length in the process described by both Meilleur and Joly's office. Based on their accounts, the only feature that is more transparent than ever is the wall that should stand between government officials and the selection of independent parliamentary watchdogs.

The opposition parties have not signed off on Meilleur's nomination. They have complained to the Speaker that the prime minister ignored his legal obligation to consult them prior to making the announcement.

If and when Meilleur's name is put to a vote in the Commons, her appointment might only carry because the Liberals hold a majority. Under that scenario, things could get difficult in the Senate. Some independent senators may balk at vetting an appointment that is devoid of consensual support in the other house. It does not help that some of the associations that toil on the front of French-language rights have expressed concerns over the integrity of the process.

The prime minister's support for Madeleine Meilleur as the commissioner of official languages fails the non-partisan smell test, writes Chantal Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This comes at a time when the Liberal government has presented legislation that could clip the wings of the parliamentary budget officer. To say that there is widespread opposition suspicion that the Liberals, like their predecessors, like watchdogs best when they are on a leash is an understatement.

In the last election campaign, Trudeau accused Stephen Harper of having turned Parliament Hill into "a partisan swamp." He said he would clean it up. It is hard to reconcile that promise with an appointment that fails the non-partisan smell test.

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Donald Trump, Kid President, field tripping with glee

Vicky Mochama
Metro

The Donald is travelling the world. So far, the trip has proved that Trump may not be the youngest president but he certainly is it most childish.

It has been a successful trip insofar as he hasn't yet tickled the bottom of a major world leader or tried to rename the Vatican to Trump Church.

Joining hands with his mentors in despotism, Egyptian President el-Sissi and Saudi Arabia's King Salman, President Trump launched the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology. The Internet exploded with jokes based on three men standing in a dark room with their hands on a glowing ball. It's what the Internet was invented for.

Here's the thing though: It looks cool. It looks exactly like what any self-respecting child would imagine the presidency to be like.

After Saudi Arabia, the President's tour took him to Israel where, in a truly presidential manner, he managed not to casually reignite a catastrophic war between Israel and Palestine.

He took some pictures at the Western Wall and wrote in the guestbook at the Holocaust memorial. His message of hope: "IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF MY FRIENDS - SO AMAZING & WILL NEVER FORGET!"

Truly, he's going to have so much to talk about with all his friends when everyone gets back from summer camp.

Donald Trump, Kid President, is having a whammo-blammo time.

Take, for example, his trip to the Vatican: the photos show him grinning from ear to ear while Melania, Ivanka and the Pope stare deadpan ahead.

He must be ecstatic because the Vatican buildings are slightly less bedecked in gold than Trump Tower. Already he's winning.

Still, it wouldn't be a visit to church for the Kid President without being assigned some homework from Pope Francis.

The pontiff gave Trump a copy of his encyclical on climate change as well as his 2017 World Day of Peace message entitled: Nonviolence - A Style of Politics for Peace. At their level of power and influence, this is the equivalent of being given, "When You Give A Mouse a Cookie."

Now that he's visited the homes of three major faiths – Saudi Arabia for Islam, Israel for Judaism, and the Vatican for Catholicism – his itinerary takes him to two more centres of faith: Belgium for Bread and Italy for Pasta.

Carbs may not be a religious faith for all, but they certainly are for me.

For his first major foreign trip, it's been a whirlwind. Nine straight days without at least two visits to Mar-A-Lago.

Poor Kid President. He must be exhausted.

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Our collective existence — the solid core of my world, my family — is due to my mom's fortitude.

Vicky Mochama

Left: Vicky and her mother Agnes visit the apartment where the family lived together after moving to Canada from Kenya. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO **Top:** Mother and daughter reunited at the airport in 1994 after a year apart. CONTRIBUTED

How I feel close to home?

I keep Kenya in my heart by keeping it on my feet. Every summer, I put on a new pair of beaded sandals that someone transports from Kenya. I transport myself around the city I'm in now with shoes from where my past lies.

Origin Stories: Becoming an ordinary family in extraordinary days

I was five years old when I touched down at Toronto's Pearson airport in November 1994. The plan: Experience Canada for a bit, then go back to Kenya.

We've been here for 23 years.

Our story is extraordinary in its ordinariness. In the apartment buildings where we spent our early years, there were hundreds more families exactly like us, before and after our tenure.

The promise of education and prosperity kept my family here. For others the choices weren't as ambitious; home was less a place to return to and more of a hope to find.

Our extended stay started when my dad was awarded a scholarship to study in Canada for the second time. He'd come once before, alone, to the University of Manitoba. But on this journey, my mom accompanied him and then my three siblings and I followed one year later.

Not that I knew any of that at the time. Kids are an oblivious bunch. All I knew was it was very cold, but in exchange, I got a fabulous bright pink jacket. So, how bad could it be?

Winter was hard, but keeping food on the table was harder. The scholarship provided just enough to cover rent.

"There was no support for families," says my dad. "You were on your own."

Nearly 90 per cent of the scholarship money went to a two-bedroom apartment in 30 Charles St., a concrete skyscraper just south of Bloor Street in downtown Toronto. Across the street stands 35 Charles, its doppelganger building where we made yet more friends and found family.

Inside these buildings, the diversity of the academy was on display as students from around the world packed into the towers. Coming home from school, the hallways always smelled of faraway homes.

Together, neighbours shared tips on how to get a library card and where to buy cheap fruits and vegetables. The building pulsed with the energy of students and their families as they tried to make functioning lives in Toronto. In our building's Free Room, we dug out the appliances and furniture from the homes of now-departed tenants to make our new home.

The change in our physical reality also came with big changes to our family reality. My mother's late nights and early mornings left my dad — a mathematician of towering intellect — as the cook and hairdresser of three girls. It is not his strongest domestic skill.

My sister was a regular torment. My father, the PhD student, would frequently tie her hair tightly and warn her not to loosen it. She'd return from school sans hair tie with a head full of playground sand.

The money for food, television, and six winter jackets came from my mother. In Kenya, her job as a senior education administrator included her own driver.

In Canada, she took the subway to job after job — homecare, book sales, worm-picking — where the only perk was taking home a paycheque. (Except for book sales, which occasionally netted a free novel or two for the shy, bookish, frequent-crier in her life a.k.a. me.)

She found jobs that were physically taxing and unthanking. She sought out the government programs that allowed us to thrive: Friends pointed her to a subsidized summer camp at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto's Gay Village. She reached to a community that fed us, located opportunities that entertained us and did the work that sustained us. While my dad's education was the reason we were in Canada, it was my mother's resourcefulness that allowed us to survive.

Our collective existence — the solid core of my world, my family — is due to my mom's fortitude. I was a child. To quote Robert Hayden, "What did I know of love's austere and lonely offices?"

That I know men can be pushed past their traditions and masculinity is because of my dad.

Those years seem really far away now. We've settled in. Now, when I return to Canada from travelling, it's like flopping onto a well-worn couch at home.

I hope, however, to never forget that my ease was put together by grit and adversity and all the things that make good life worthwhile. It was in those extraordinary days that we became an ordinary family — loving, selfless and united.

Vicky Mochama is Metro's national columnist. She appears every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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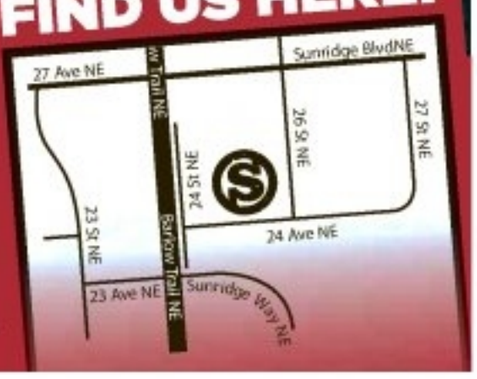

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TECHNOLOGY

Selfie-stick inventor is not so impressed by new gadgets

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

When selfie-stick mania hit, the tech scolds were out in full force.

"The Selfie Stick: Perfect accoutrement for the digital narcissist," Psychology Today screamed. "Why the selfie stick must die," whined CNN.com.

But selfie technology has moved on since the bad old days of early 2015. Sticks are passé. Selfie drones are where it's at.

Camera-equipped flying robots allow people to capture photos and videos from incredible angles previously impossible unless you had access to a helicopter. And they're getting lighter and cheaper, with Best Buy about to sell ROVA from Australia-based startup IoT Group for $399 in June. It's controlled by a smartphone app.

At CES tech trade show in January, Consumer Reports proclaimed "Selfie drones are about to enter our lives in a big way" after 39 exhibitors showed off their wares. VentureBeat reports sales are expected to hit 3.4 million units this year, according to the Consumer Technology Association.

Last week, a camera drone halted a baseball game in San Diego and the operator is facing a $1,437 fine after he lost control of the device.

Selfie drones (really, camera drones — you can point them at anything) are already transforming how wedding photographers and real estate agents work. Snowboarders are programming drones to follow them around.

But if you're a hater, selfie drones are another devil's instrument, with all the same evils as a selfie stick, except noisier and with even more potential to take someone's eye out.

Could this really be the big tech craze of summer 2017?

One person who has quite a few thoughts about that is Wayne Fromm, the Canadian inventor of the selfie stick (trade name: Quick Pod). He said "picture taking as a pursuit is only going to grow."

But he sees the trend moving towards smaller, lighter and less obtrusive devices; the opposite of drones. He expects the many museums, events and public places that banned selfie sticks to take a hard line on drones too.

Fromm, who has also invented toys for Crayola and Disney and crafted the marketing campaign behind the '90s toy fad Crazy Bones, said he has a feel for which new products are going to take off and which won't — and he's not too enthusiastic about selfie drones.

"I'm a gadget guy. I love electronics. And I don't see it, for the average person," he said, adding there's "room for all sorts" of photography accessories in the market and he doesn't see drones encroaching on his business.

Kristen Thomasen, a University of Western Ontario law professor who focuses on the legal aspects of robots and drones, also isn't panicking about a drone-pocalypse.

"Will everybody at the Kentucky Derby have a drone? If that's ever going to happen, it's a long way off," she said.

"We're good at reining in technology as society. You can't just drive a car anywhere. I'm not as concerned that everybody is going to have a drone all over the place."

STEER CLEAR OF LEGAL TROUBLE

Three ways selfie-drone operators could crash-land into legal trouble, according to University of Western Ontario law professor Kristen Thomasen:

1. Aviation rules. An interim order from Transport Canada says you can't fly a drone within 75 metres of a building, higher than 90 metres in the air, or within nine kilometres of an airport or helipad.

2. Liability. You could be held responsible if you injure people or property with a drone.

3. Privacy concerns. Using a drone to peep into windows or otherwise spy on private property is obviously illegal and super creepy. But "in public space it's a little less clear what kind of legal protections drone operators run up against," Thomasen said.

What might be more important, she added, is being "very responsible and aware" of how drones make people feel.

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Twin Peaks return feels familiar

Kimmy Robertson as Lucy and Harry Goaz as Andy in Twin Peaks. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Twin Peaks, S1, E3 (The Movie Network/CraveTV)
THE MOMENT: The bunny

In the rustic Twin Peaks police station, deputy Andy (Harry Goaz) and receptionist Lucy (Kimmy Robertson) sit at a table with files spread over it.

"We laid everything out and we can't find anything that's missing," Andy tells Deputy Chief Hawk (Michael Horse).

"If it's not here, then how do you know it's missing?" Hawk asks.

They ponder. "But if it is here, then it isn't missing?" Lucy asks.

More pondering. Hawk says he'll find what's missing via his heritage. Lucy stares at a packet of Easter chocolate. She gasps.

"I know what's missing!" she says. "The bunny! I ate that bunny!"

They discuss the bunny at length. "It's not about the bunny," Hawk declares. He ponders. "Is it about the bunny?" Ponder. "No."

Twenty-seven years ago, the original Twin Peaks was radical television.

Watching this, you realize how many tropes pioneered by show creator David Lynch have seeped into Peak TV: introducing characters without explanations.

The use of sound to disorient, rather than orient (low buzzing hums create anxiety, while squishy plops instead of footsteps gross us out).

The dragging out of scenes well beyond normal, to make us bored yet jumpy.

The partially lighted night scenes, in which we only catch glimpses of things.

The body horror (eyes sewn shut, trees with blobs of flesh).

But the scene above is also identifiably Lynchian. It's so deadpan, we ache to find it funny. It feels so pointless, we yearn to freight it with meaning. It's his world — familiarly unfamiliar — and it's extremely weird to be back in it again.

Twin Peaks airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on The Movie Network and CraveTV, and is available on demand.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

7 SHOWS COMING TO THE CBC SCHEDULE

Alias Grace part of television lineup along with Kristin Kreuk, Lauren Lee Smith and Allan Hawco dramas.

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1 Alias Grace

This six-part mini-series based on the Booker Prize-nominated historical piece of fiction is CBC's entry this fall into the prestige drama arena. It's directed by Sarah Polley and starring Sarah Gadon.

2 Taken

This true-crime documentary series draws attention to the more than 1,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada through interviews with the families of those who were lost.

3 Frankie Drake Mysteries

From the same folks who gave you Murdoch Mysteries, Lauren Lee Smith (The Listener) plays Toronto's only female private detective.

4 The Great Canadian Baking Show

There is nothing less inspiring than a Canadian franchise of a foreign reality show. Except if it's based on The Great British Baking Show. Because, believe it or not, for many Canadians baking can be exciting stuff.

5 Caught

Allan Hawco returns to the CBC for the first time since Republic of Doyle for Caught, which will air in winter 2018. Based on Lisa Moore's novel. David Slaney (Hawco) escapes from prison after he is imprisoned over a drug deal.

Burden of Proof 6

Kristin Kreuk (Beauty and the Beast, Smallville) stars as a lawyer who fights for justice in a case involving sick children.

Crawford 7

Mike Clattenburg of Trailer Park Boys fame stars in a quirky comedy about a man who moves in with his parents... and can relate to raccoons. Well, nobody thought Trailer Park Boys would last, either.

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Laguna Beach mid-century modern home by architect J. Herbert Brownell listed for $4.3M U.S.

MEET THE CONDO

Last site in premier lake community

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Project overview

This development marks the launch of a new brand in the home building industry: Logel Homes. This is the final site in Auburn Bay and the last chance to own in one of Calgary's premier lake communities.

Housing amenities

This development features cottage-style architecture, inspired by Muskoka lake communities. Located in Auburn Bay, Auburn Rise is a community filled with the very best amenities including private lake access.

Location and transit

Auburn Rise is located adjacent to a future LRT station and across the street from Auburn Station, with Co-Op, Blackbird Public Urban Bar, a gas station, and many more amenities. Auburn Rise is conveniently located along 52nd Avenue, with easy access to Stoney Trail and Deerfoot Trail.

In the neighbourhood

Residents of Auburn Bay receive exclusive access to the lake and lake house with numerous activities and events suitable for all ages. The community is rich with amenities, has a number of schools, and is within minutes of Seton Urban District. KRISTA SYLVESTER/FOR METRO

NEED TO KNOW

What: Auburn Rise
Builder: Logel Homes
Architect: NORR Architects
Interior: Designer's Edge
Location: Auburn Bay
Building: One of five
Models: One and two bedroom condos
Sizes: From 564 to 1,020 square feet
Pricing: One bedroom at $139,900; two bedroom $169,900
Status: Pre-construction
Sales centre: 105 Auburn Meadows Dr. SE
Phone: (403) 371-6014
Email: reilly.lepage@logelhomes.com
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REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

1 SALES CENTRE NOW OPEN

Avenue33 by Sarina Homes: This five-storey mixed use development features 40 residential boutiques and lofts in the heart of Marda Loop, with access to 130 nearby shops, services and restaurants. Check out the sales centre at 1915 33rd Ave. SW.

2 STILL SELLING

Victory and Venture by The Providence Group: With a rooftop patio you can even use in the winter, you can't go wrong with these two bedroom, two bathrooms condos located in the heart of Bridgeland. Check out the discovery centre at Edmonton Trail and Fourth Avenue NE.

3 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Verve Condominiums by Fram + Slokker : Live large in the redeveloping East Village, which is quickly becoming the city's premier downtown location. Check out the sales centre at 553 Riverfront Ave. SE.

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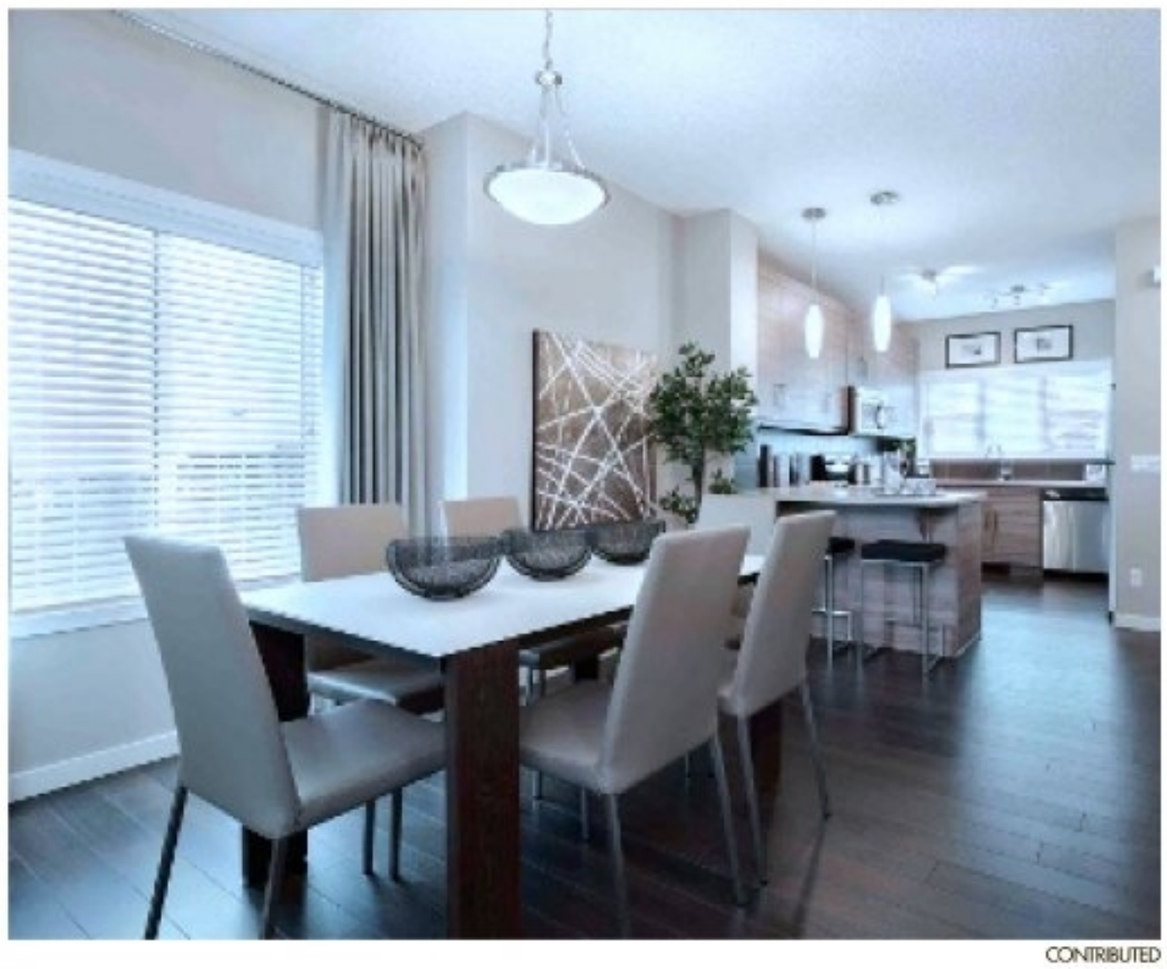

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Progressive home builders are designing homes with high-performance features to suit your modern lifestyle.

"Function and form are equally important in a home," says Helena Kipp, area sales manager for Jayman BUILT townhomes at Nolan Hill in Carnaby Heights. "Modern homes should incorporate both."

Jayman BUILT's two- and three-bedroom Jayman BUILT townhomes are setting the bar for functionality, incorporating features customized for a modern lifestyle that you won't find in many other new homes on the market.

The homes come with special Core Performance Features, which were created by the Jayman BUILT design team to anticipate home buyers' needs.

The 96 per cent high-efficiency furnace will keep you remarkably warm, but also help you save money on your energy bill.

The heat recovery ventilation system will do the same. You'll always breathe easy with high-quality air in your home, while keeping energy usage to a minimum.

Other Core Performance Features include triple-pane windows with low-E glass, which are insulated to help prevent warmth from escaping your home, while also letting in sunlight to help heat your home naturally.

The Navien tankless hot water heater is a highly efficient solution too, heating water quickly and with little wasted energy.

Meanwhile, the homes' water-saving toilets will reduce the amount of water you need per day.

"We really rethought what a modern lifestyle looks like, from the ground up," says Kipp. "What features do people need most? How can we make these the most accessible? How can we optimize traffic flow within the home? How can we optimize your space so you can have a simpler, clutter-free life?"

These townhomes have anticipated your needs. The motion sensor light switches, for instance, make it easy to come and go. You won't even need to remember to turn out the lights — the motion sensors will do it for you.

The Jayman BUILT's Core Performance Features and floorplans were designed to make life at home simple and easy.

A CUSTOMIZED HOME-BUYING EXPERIENCE

Buying a home for yourself or your family is a milestone event that can't get much more personal and it's important to have a supportive team with you for the journey.

That's exactly what you'll get with a Jayman BUILT townhome at Carnaby Heights in the community of Nolan Hill.

The Jayman BUILT team is there to listen, get to know you, and help you find the home that suits your needs and lifestyle perfectly.

You'll also get a personalized home. Once you choose a home from the many options to suit different lifestyles and family sizes, you can select the finer details. Are you looking for vehicle space? The townhomes come with single, tandem or double-car garages.

If you're looking to make your morning routine a breeze, you might want an expanded ensuite bathrooms with dual vanities. Whatever your lifestyle, chances are you could use some flex space. Whether it's for your home office, craft room, multimedia entertainment room or extra storage space, you'll put the upstairs den and entry-level flex room to good use.

If you feel most at home in the kitchen, you might want to choose a home with an expanded walk-in pantry option. You and your family will have extra space to store ingredients and kitchen appliances.

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When you visit the Jayman BUILT sales centre, you'll get a full Fit & Finish consultation. Buyers of Jayman BUILT townhomes will have their choice of one of three finishing levels for their new home. Will you choose Select, Extra or Plus? Every level has affordable offerings and exceptional quality, depending on your budget.

Once you make that choice, you'll have the chance to chat with a Jayman BUILT design expert, who will help you choose finishings for your home, from the cabinets and carpets down to the tiling and trim.

The end result? You'll have a beautiful home customized to your personality, budget and lifestyle.

Start-to-finish service

If you're buying a home with Jayman BUILT, the company's professional team can help smooth your transition to a new home.

Jayman BUILT has been building homes since 1980 – long enough to understand that buyers go through an involved process when they move into their new home. That's why buyers get a free design consultation with professional interiors designers.

You can also take advantage of a consultation with the company's mortgage experts, who can help you find the best mortgage option for your needs. And if you're looking to put your old home on the market, Jayman Realty offers full professional real estate services to help you get the best return on your investment.

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Move-in ready homes available in Calgary's Northwest

The city's bustling Northwest is taking off, with homes that are affordable and eminently livable.

Now is a great time to buy in this up-and-coming region of the city, and Viridian Condos, a new development by Trico Homes, is now selling high-quality homes that will be move-in ready this fall.

Nature is a natural part of living at Viridian. The development backs onto a large green reserve where residents can discover winding pathways, rolling hills and stunning views of Sage Hill.

Accessibility is another key feature of this neighbourhood, and Viridian Condos offers many options. When you live at Viridian, you'll have access to a variety of routes that will get you anywhere you need to go in the city by car, including Shaganappi Trail, Crowchild Trail, Beddington, 14th Street, Deerfoot Trail, Stoney Trail and more.

Transportation is also available by Calgary transit bus 425 that runs in front of Viridian.

But that doesn't mean you need to go far from home to shop. When you live at Viridian, you'll have many options for groceries, shopping, services, dining and entertainment nearby.

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The Sage Hill Crossing will soon offer a plethora of options for Viridian residents, and established Creekside Shopping Centre offers more than 300,000 square feet of retail and services.

Now selling its sixth and final building, this is your final chance to buy in the thriving Viridian community.

You'll have a beautiful, open-concept layout that makes the most of wide open space and natural light with its nine-foot ceilings and oversized windows.

The high-quality interiors at Viridian include the granite countertops, high-quality laminate flooring, stainless-steel appliances and in-slab heated floors.

Homes at Viridian start in the low-$200,000s. Visit viridiancondos.ca for more information.

Rewards for home buyers

When you buy a home at Viridian, you will receive your very own Trico Red Card.

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An inclusive community with modern prairie style

Meet Maverick at Livingston, Avi Urban's newest condominium development, ideal for homeowners seeking a low maintenance lifestyle in north Calgary's newest master planned community.

The new project consists of 170 new homes spread across three boutique, four-storey buildings; and features modern prairie inspired elevations.

The unique product line brings architectural diversity and affordability to the product mix in this highly sought after community, all while maintaining an unparalleled standard of quality.

Avi Urban sets themselves apart by providing an inclusive community lifestyle that pays homage to the natural prairie elements in the surrounding landscape. The use of modern building materials to the unassumingly simplistic forms, the project exudes contemporary style. Punch-out balconies with metal cladding and metal-framed balconies with tempered glass add an additional level of sophistication to each of the three structures.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE A VIBRANT NEW COMMUNITY HAS LAUNCHED IN NORTH CENTRAL CALGARY

– Charron Ungar

"It has been a long time since a vibrant new community has launched in north central Calgary," says Charron Ungar, president of Avi Urban. "With Livingston, the community approach is fresh and the planning concepts are a testament to the needs and values of our growing city. What really attracts me to Livingston however are both the diversity of product available for homebuyers and the distinct architectural character of the neighbourhood that will be presented."

Homeowners choose between one-and-two-bedroom units, some with dens, ranging from 530 square feet to 974 square feet. These well-designed floorplans boast a ton of additional storage, and include features such as in-suite laundry, built-in cabinet pantries, floor tile to all bathrooms, luxury Vinyl plank kitchen flooring, Stainless Steel appliances and quartz countertops throughout, and trendy matte black finishes.

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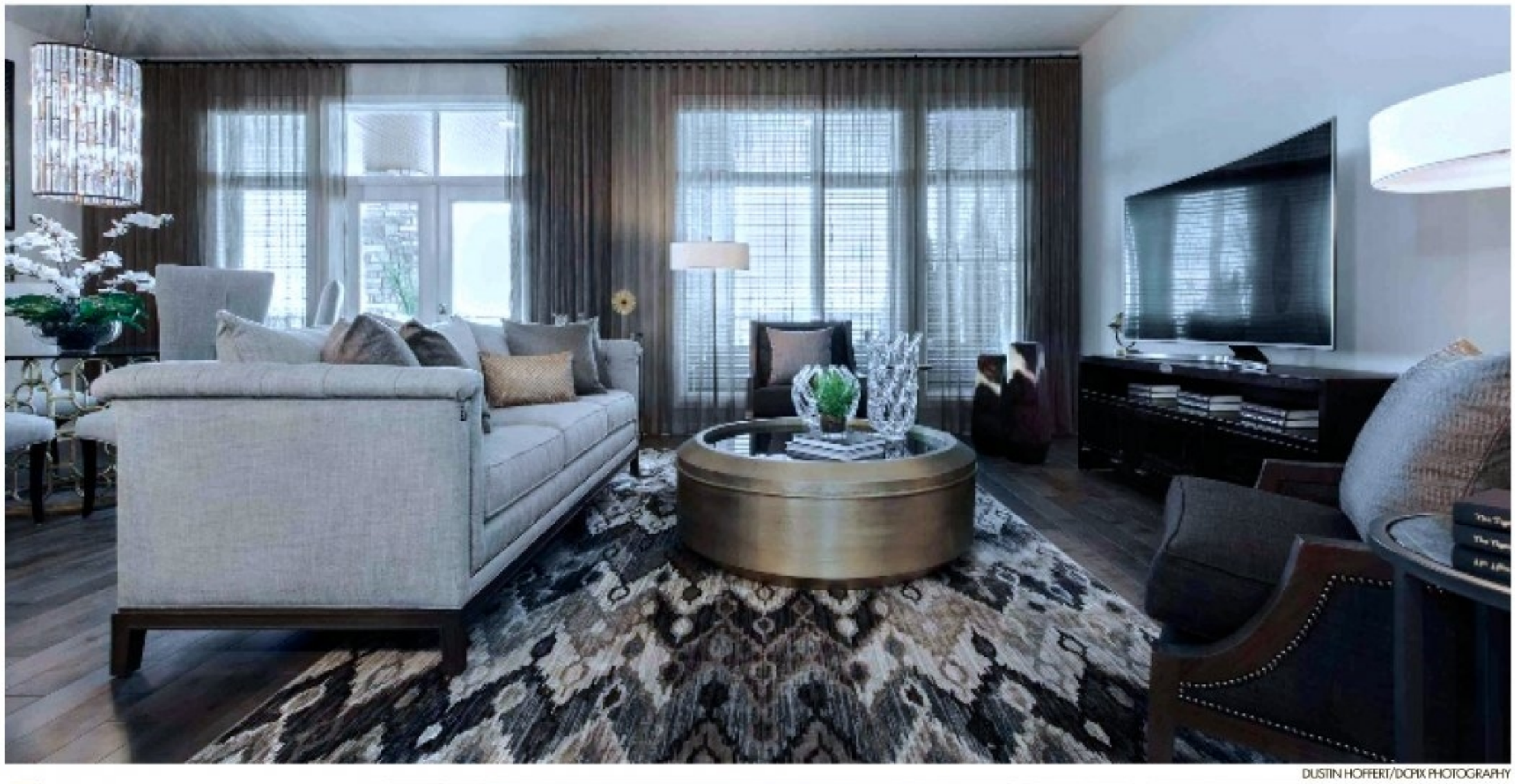
Building amenities, such as an underground car wash and underground dog wash, along with building-specific recreation rooms encourage connectivity among residents and reflect the vision of Livingston in its entirety.

For more information on Maverick at Livingston visit aviurban.com/maverick, or contact the Avi Urban sales team at 587-349-7820 or maverick@homesbyavi.com. The sales centre, located at 163 Livingston Ave. NE, is open Monday to Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and 12 to 5 p.m. on Fridays, weekends and holidays.



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Escape to a luxurious new village

Have you ever thought to yourself, what if life could be a little easier? What if I just had a little more time? What if I didn't have to drive everywhere to do anything? Have you ever gone on vacation and wished you didn't have to come home? What if you could live like you were on vacation year round; have access to more amenities than you can imagine right out your front door; and enjoy a level of concierge service offered at the finest hotels and clubs by just picking up your phone?

If you have a hard time imagining this, it's because Calgary has never seen the likes of it before the newly launched Westman Village in Mahogany by Jayman Built. The dream of resort-living has become a reality that you can see for yourself at the project's new show suites and presentation centre. With a detailed scale model depicting four distinct living options, a 35,000-square-foot amenity rich Village Centre, 42,000 square feet of premium boutique retail, plus three show suites, you will begin to get a sense of the lifestyle that awaits you.

From the moment you walk in the door, you will begin to understand the level of service you will enjoy at this one-of-a-kind, resort style community. An experienced Jayman representative will greet you at the door with a scented hot or cold compress, depending on the weather.

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When it comes to the show suites, what you see is what you get with the different levels of fit and finish for two condo options, Calligraphy and Reflection. Jayman is renowned for its attention to detail and ability to create quality offerings at a variety of price levels. Calligraphy, for example, offers both one and two bedroom condos ranging from 537 to 1,135 square feet with four levels of finishing; select, extra, plus and ultra. With two Calligraphy homes at the presentation centre — a one bedroom, 622-square-foot model sporting select finishing and a two bedroom 932-square-foot model reflecting the higher end ultra finishing — you will get a sense of the range that Jayman offers. You will be amazed by the purposeful design and form and function that is woven throughout, beginning with the unique organizer entryway, generous storage, spacious kitchen and incredible patio.

For those looking for a higher level of prestige and luxury in your home, Westman Village's Reflection Estate Condominiums are for you. This is an exclusive product, with only 54 condos across nine buildings offering spacious two bedrooms with dens ranging from 1,528 to 2,573 square feet with either a garden or lakeside view again with four elevated levels of finish. The Reflection show home features a two bedroom with den at 1,605 square feet, with ten foot ceilings, and two generous terraces, one over 450 square feet and the smaller one over 240 square feet.

Inspired in part by resort-style communities in Palm Desert, the vision is that Westman Village will be considered not just a destination but a journey. For residents this journey will include two upscale restaurants and exclusive membership to the Village Centre, a 35,000-square-foot amenity centre with more features than can be imagined, including two pools, waterslide, hot tub and steam rooms, workout facilities, a wine cellar, a demonstration kitchen, game and craft rooms and classes that indulge every curiosity. Add to this an onsite concierge ready to assist in any way they can, from making dinner reservations, arranging theatre tickets, or accepting important parcels to save you time and hassle.

The journey begins and ends at Westman Village. Come out and see the presentation centre and show suites today. For more information, visit westmanvillage.com or stop by the presentation centre at 1955 Mahogany Blvd. SE, Calgary.

Complete offerings

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Buy a home in a neighbourhood you love

Spring has fully sprung and the hunt for new homes is heating up.

The town of Cochrane is becoming increasingly popular for Calgarians who are looking for a place to spread out and find a home that's affordable.

And there couldn't be a better time to visit than now, says Hal Pike, area sales manager for The Rise, a collection of townhomes in the community of Riversong in Cochrane.

"If you think you might like to buy a home in Cochrane for you and your family, now is a great time to come visit the community of Riversong in action," says Pike.

If you have kids, why not visit the community's two beautiful new playgrounds?

Or take a stroll for a little while along the more than four kilometres of multi-use paths that criss-cross the community. The 100-acre nature reserve within Riversong is now in full foliage.

If you want to get into downtown Cochrane, all you'll need to do is cross the pedestrian bridge from Riversong over the Bow River, and you're there.

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While you're downtown, discover the many conveniences and family fun in the area.

The Spray Lakes Sawmill Family Sports Centre offers a fitness centre, arena and drop-in programs for people of all ages to get active.

And when you're ready for a treat, head to MacKay's Ice Cream, a neighbourhood standby that's been serving ice cream for more than 60 years.

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GAMES

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Sean Plummer

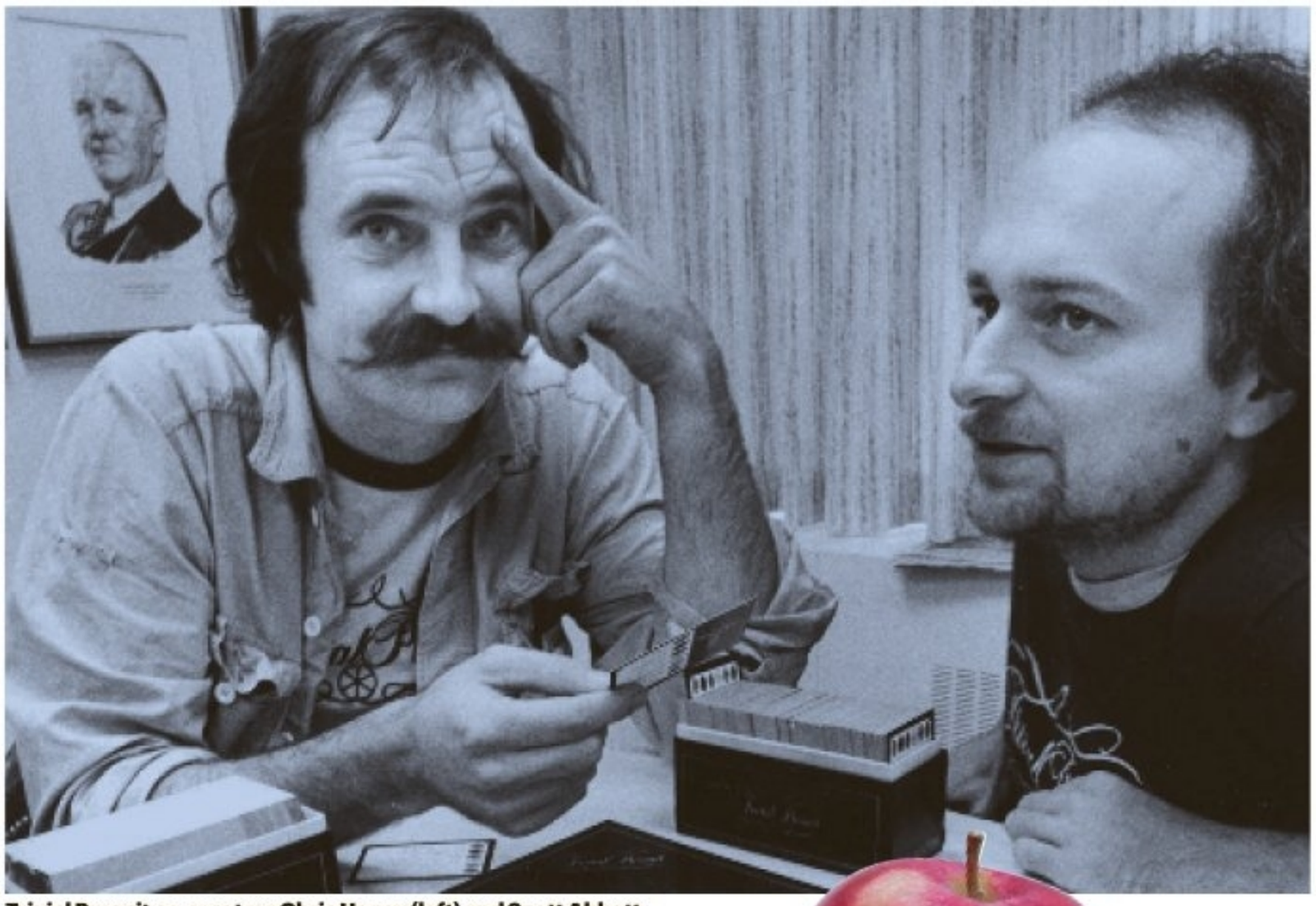
It's the board game that has left millions feeling either smug or stupid.

Trivial Pursuit was the brainchild of Montrealers Chris Haney and Scott Abbott. As the story goes, the newspapermen were playing Scrabble in December 1979 when they noticed several game pieces missing. So they decided to make up their own game.

They quit their jobs, raised $75,000 from 34 investors, flew to Spain to develop it, and brought it to market in 1982.

Some 88 million copies of Trivial Pursuit have been sold in 26 countries in 17 languages, with the peak of the game's popularity coming in 1984 when 20 million sets were sold in a single year.

Several special editions have been created since then, including ones catering to fans of Power Rangers, the Star Wars and Lord of the Rings films, even Saturday Night Live. The game has also been adapted into TV shows, computer games, and a smartphone app. The latest tabletop iteration, Trivial Pursuit: 2000s, is aimed at millennials.



Trivial Pursuit co-creators Chris Haney (left) and Scott Abbott had a hit on their hands. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Snakes on a plain

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The snakes themselves are harmless, but that doesn't make the snake pits of Narcisse, Manitoba, any less strange.

Tens of thousands of red-sided garter snakes make their home underground here, emerging in late April through May to mate. They come back in September before returning to their subterranean dens.

According to Manitoba's government website, the best time to view the festivities is, understandably, Mother's Day weekend.

SEAN PLUMMER

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Apple of our eye

Canada's national apple, the McIntosh, was named after John McIntosh, a farmer who discovered a superior green-and-red apple on his property on what was then called Dundela, Canada West, in 1811.

The family started mass production of the McIntosh in 1835, when John's son Allan learned the art of grafting.

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SUMMER CAR CARE

Get your car ready for the warmer months

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Preparing your car for colder months involves a standard routine. Installing winter tires, changing the wiper blades, having your batteries tested and packing a winter survival kit that includes battery cable jumpers and snowbrush are all part of the process.

Less obvious, however, is ensuring your car is ready for summer driving, says one local expert.

"I think most people think there are more safety issues when winter comes so they do much more to prepare than they do for the hot months," says Dan Javaheri, a service manager in Canadian Tire's automotive department. "But as soon as Victoria Day long weekend passes, we recommend that it is time to start getting into the mode of figuring out what your car will need for summer."

Because each vehicle is different, Javaheri says it is essential to refer to the owner's guide for the manufacturer's recommendation of the intervals at which basic checks, such as topping up coolant and performing oil changes, should take place. These two tasks, says Javaheri, are at the top of his summer preparedness list.

"While something like dealing with your power fluid and transmission fluid are maintenance tasks that can be done over time, your cooling system will be especially important with the temperatures rising," he says. "Another overlooked factor for summer is your battery. We sell as many, if not more, batteries in the hot months than in the cold months."

Externally, meanwhile, he says checking the condition of your car's tires is vital — especially when taking a road trip. Because tire pressure expands on hot days, he recommends dropping the pressure a couple of pounds if you are going on a long drive during a hot spell.

Canadian Tire, Javaheri says, offers a service during which nitrogen is added to your tires, which helps with pressure fluctuations.

"Tires are really important because you don't want to be halfway up a mountain and find out you have problems," he says. "We sell inflation cans, which will help, but you must also make sure your spare tire is in good shape. A lot of people forget about it until it is needed and if it is flat, you often end up stuck.

"And, of course, if you are heading on a road trip, especially off-road, check the lights, the washer fluids and pack a tow rope just in case."

Be aware of the grasshoppers and bugs that are so common during the summer and on drives through forested areas, Javaheri warns, because they can cause damage if they end up in your front grille and affect the airflow.

"There are sprays to wash the dead bugs off of the front of the vehicle," he says. "Your car's lights can also be affected if they are pounded by insects so washing your car before and after your trip is a great idea."

The real key to summer driving, says Javaheri, is preventive measures. That means not ignoring warning lights or unusual noises and writing them off as issues to be inspected in the future. He says it is small issues that can become major failures if not properly addressed and recommends that drivers always be mindful of the overall condition of their car.

"People neglect something like engine lights until their car is really acting up and by then it can be too late, and if it becomes a catastrophe it will cost you more," he says. "The worst part is that a lot of issues are easily prevented. If you see a leak when you park, for example, find out what it is.

"We try our best to educate our customers and let them know that being on top of maintenance will save them money in the long run. Preventative maintenance is the key to long-term maintenance."

Canadian Tire has an extensive automotive department that offers customers everything they need for the summer season and beyond, including tires, car electronics, car parts such as batteries, chargers and brake systems, tire gauges, inflators and compressors as well as its auto services.

"Our technicians are all certified," he says. "Their continuing education through technical schools, manufacturing courses and e-learning keeps them up to date on the newest vehicles. Our installers and apprentices work closely with the techs to get the hands-on experience they need to understand why a vehicle failed and how the issue will be corrected."

Because Canadian Tire stores are locally owned, operated and focused, Javaheri says it is always best to check local flyers or signage outside of your closest location for any specials that will help get your car ready for the open road this summer.

Auto service covers:

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- *Diagnostics*
- *Steering and suspension*
- *Tires*
- *Tune-ups*
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- This summer you should check your air conditioning system to see if its blowing cold air to give a comfortable ride.
- Does your Cabin Air Filter need replacing? We can help. Does your Air Filter need replacing to provide better airflow for your engine?
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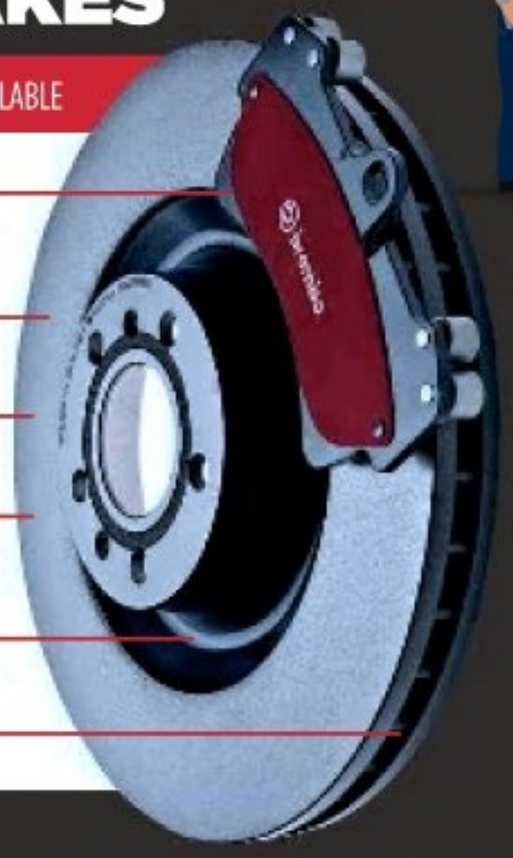

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Check your tires and see if the air pressure is at the manufacture specs. You should also inspect your tires for leaks, cracks, bulging or other defects. Check your spare tire as well for safety. Consider getting an alignment done as well.

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How seasons affect your vehicle experience

Stadium Nissan on the things you need to prepare your car for summer driving

While some dealerships only offer customers a great experience until they drive off the lot, at Stadium Nissan after-sales service is just as important, says its customer service manager.

And, says Ashley Gallant, with after-sale services that include repairs and maintenance, and genuine Nissan parts and accessories, Stadium Nissan has everything you need to prepare your car for summer driving.

"One thing we never compromise on is putting the customer first," Gallant says. "We are always looking out for customer safety, offer very competitive prices and review the findings of inspections with our customers so they understand what the issue was and what we did to fix it."

Since it opened its doors 25 years ago, part of Stadium Nissan's dedication to customers, says Gallant, has involved making drivers aware of the various ways the seasons can affect their vehicle and driving experience. While many drivers, she says, have an understanding of what needs to be done in cooler months, getting a car ready for summer isn't quite the same common knowledge.

"A lot of people don't realize that having good tread on your tires is just as important during the summer as it is in the winter because you can hydroplane if you don't and your stopping isn't the same," she says. "Also, if your coolant is too strong and rated too high, it will be too thick for summer. During our multipoint inspection we'll check all your fluid levels and consistencies to ensure they are the proper texture for safe summer driving."

Brakes, Gallant says, are another overlooked factor when it comes to summer driving because they are more often associated with winter conditions. She says ensuring your brakes are in top-notch condition is vital at all times but especially if you are taking a road trip that will involve frequent downhill driving, such as on the Coquihalla Highway in British Columbia.

"Your brakes can easily overheat if you are pressing them for an extended period of time because it is metal constantly rubbing on metal," she says. "So checking your brakes when you check your tires is really important."

Of course, thoughts of summer conjure up images of comfortably driving with air conditioning cooling down your car, which can easily trap heat. That's why, says Gallant, one of the most important aspects of hitting the road during warmer months is the condition of your air conditioning unit.

"Get your A/C checked," she stresses. "During the winter, even when you aren't directly using your A/C, you are because your defrost uses it. So, make sure it is totally charged because it loses charge over time. If your A/C breaks, rolling down the windows or blowing the cold air won't have the same effect at all."

But is there anything you can do about those scorching hot leather seats that take a while to cool down after you have been parked for an extended period of time? Gallant suggests going back to basics with windshield shades, which, she says, do make a difference.

"I have leather seats and I've burnt myself in the summer without shades so they definitely do help to reduce the amount of heat in the car by reflecting light," she explains.

Helping Stadium Nissan to keep your car in tiptop shape all year, says Gallant, are technicians who not only receive four years of training but also attend additional Nissan-focused courses, where they are taught the newest products and issues. This, she says, ensures the highest quality in service.

Located at 2420 Crowchild Trail in Calgary, Stadium Nissan serves clients in Calgary Banff, Airdrie, Canmore, High River and Red Deer as well as the rest of Alberta. To learn more, visit stadiumnissan.com.

Express Lube Service

In a rush to get on the road for some summer driving? Stadium Nissan offers a unique Express Lube Service that allows customers to make an appointment and be back on the road in less than an hour or drop in on a first come, first serve basis.

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Summers are made for long drives with the windows down and the radio blasting your favourite songs.

To ensure your Lexus is at its best for the upcoming season, Lexus of Calgary offers a no-cost VIP service that comes with a wide range of perks — for you and your car — says the location's service manager.

"Yesterday, I was dealing with someone who bought his first car from us in 1990, so our guests are very loyal and the VIP service contributes to that," says Al Ratani, who started the offering, which is unique to the Calgary location, when he joined the brand 27 years ago. "Our staff is dedicated to providing this level of service and we cultivate that kind of culture of commitment."

For Lexus owners who purchased their vehicle from Lexus of Calgary or those who moved from another city, the VIP service, when booked for a factory recommended service, includes: a valet pickup and delivery with an appointment, an exterior wash and interior vacuum, windshield rock chip touch-up, a courtesy vehicle if the valet service is not utilized and a free shuttle service anywhere within 30 km of the city (with an appointment).

"It is a tremendous value to our guests," says Ratani. "And, depending on the season, this may be a same-day service. If our guests decide to wait at the dealership, we have free drinks for them such as custom-roasted coffee, Chai tea, iced drinks, smoothies and more. We also have massage chairs and soon we'll offer a free manicure service."

Launching in mid June in response to customer feedback, Ratani says guests will be treated to a full manicure in a private, onsite area where they will be able to relax while their car is also pampered.

"This is part of the on-going effort to distinguish Lexus as far as the unique services we offer our guests," says Ratani.

In addition to the all-year VIP service, Lexus of Calgary will soon be offering a pre-summer car inspection during which vehicles will receive oil and filter changes, air conditioning inspection, safety checks and more.

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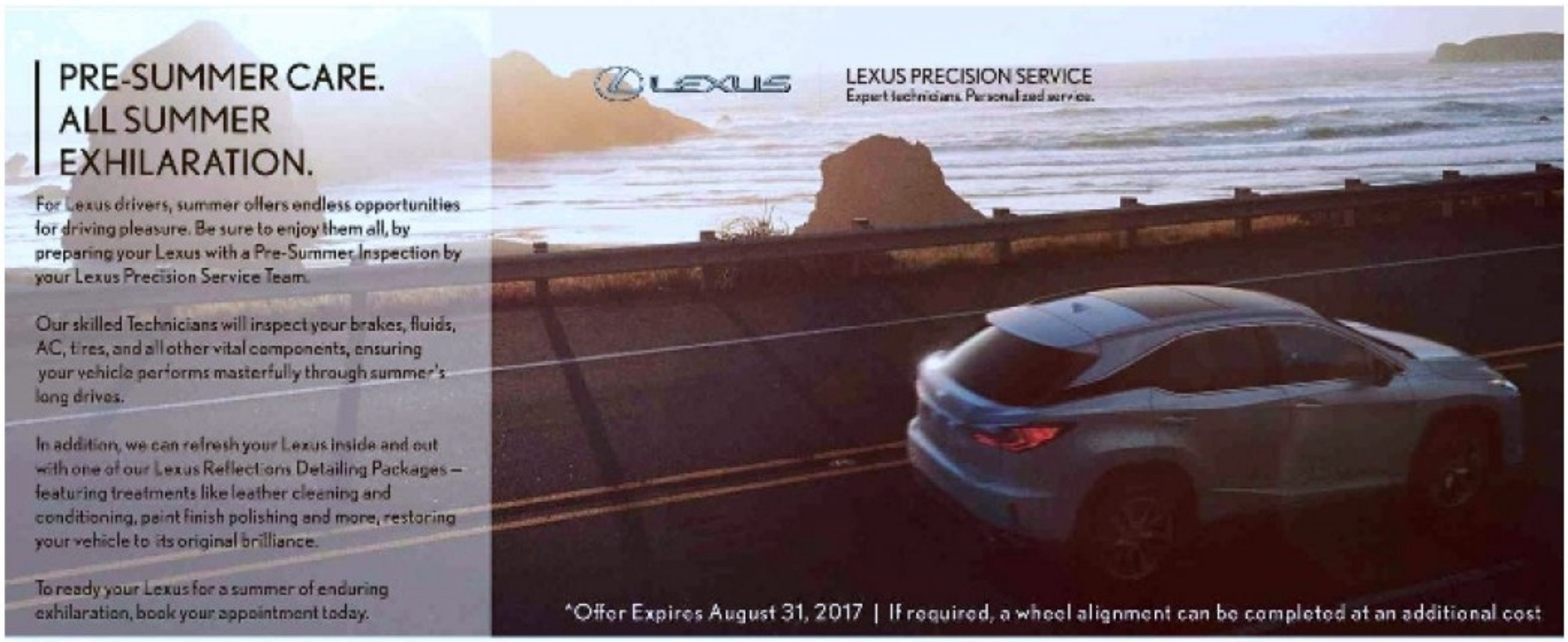

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No shortage of confidence

2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
GAME 7 PREVIEW

Sens, Pens both have the belief they will move on to Cup final

The Ottawa Senators have had a knack for doing the unexpected this post-season. They'll need to do it one more time to advance to their first Stanley Cup final in a decade.

The Senators take on the defending champion Penguins in Pittsburgh on Thursday night in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final. The Senators are 0-5 all-time in Game 7s, tying them with the Arizona Coyotes for the worst record in all of North American pro sports.

But this team has repeatedly rebounded after being written off in these playoffs, most recently in this series. After losing back-to-back games to the Penguins, including an embarrassing 7-0 beating in Game 5, the Senators put forth one of their best efforts in Game 6 to take a 2-1 victory and force the deciding game.

"I remember coming home after we lost 7-0 and I was driving home talking to (defenceman Dion Phaneuf) and he was like 'We're going to get this series' and I was thinking the same thing and it's how do you think that after you lose 7-0?" said Ottawa forward Clarke MacArthur. "So we got one of the two and we have a job to do going into Game 7.

"I believe in the group we have and I know when we play our game and if we're on we can beat any team in the league and if we're off, you can have an off night. I feel like this team, I've never been on a team that reloads as quick as we do and that's what this time of year is all about. It's forget it, move on and we did that and now we have to forget last night too."

Unlike the Senators, who haven't played in a Game 7 since the 2012 Eastern Conference quarter-finals, the Penguins are in very familiar territory. They were in the exact same position a year ago as they faced the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final where they went on to win 2-1. Two weeks ago the Penguins eliminated the President Trophy-winning Washington Capitals in Game 7 with a 2-0 victory.

Not surprisingly, the Penguins see their familiarity with Game 7s as an advantage.

"We've gone through this, we know what to expect out of our group," said Penguins forward Matt Cullen. "We have a comfort level with our plan and the way that we need to play. These are the fun games to play. So as a group, we go into it with a lot of confidence, knowing that we're going to need our best game and expecting that we'll bring it."

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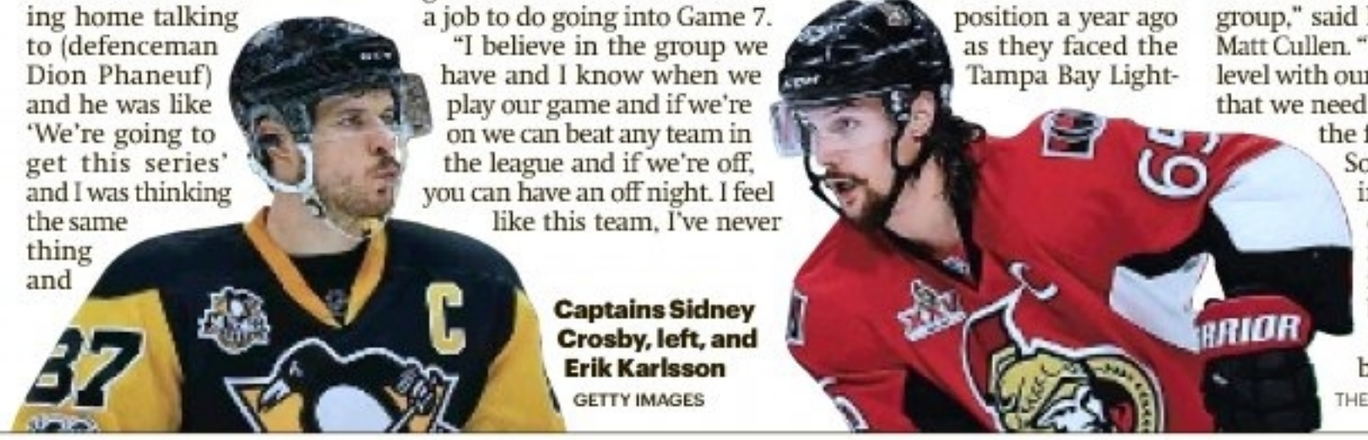
CASE AGAINST

The Penguins are 0-7 in Game 7s at home after losing Game 6 on the road.



Captains Sidney Crosby, left, and Erik Karlsson
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IN BRIEF

Man United captures Europa League title

Manchester United gave its grieving home city a moment to cheer by winning the Europa League on Wednesday, beating Ajax 2-0 in the final thanks to goals by Paul Pogba and Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

The win earned United the bonus prize of a place in next season's Champions League. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods: 'I haven't felt this good in years'

Tiger Woods said he had fusion surgery on his back in April because he could no longer tolerate the pain, and that he wants to get back on the PGA Tour.

"I haven't felt this good in years," he said Wednesday in an update on his website.

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Fresh Edamame Guacamole

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Yes, you read that correctly. Edamame in guacamole is a thing and it's a super delicious thing at that.

Ready in 15 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

Ingredients
2 avocados, halved, seeded and peeled
1 lime, juiced
1 cup edamame, cooked and mashed with a potato masher
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 medium onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, roughly mash your avocados with a fork. Mix in the lime juice, edamame and salt. Then stir in the onion, garlic and cilantro. Taste and add more salt or cilantro depending on personal preference. You can also add a hit of Tabasco sauce if you like your guac with a little heat.

2. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, pressed down into the bowl against the guacamole (to prevent browning) and place it in the refrigerator. Chill for an hour and serve with your favourite chips or snack crackers.

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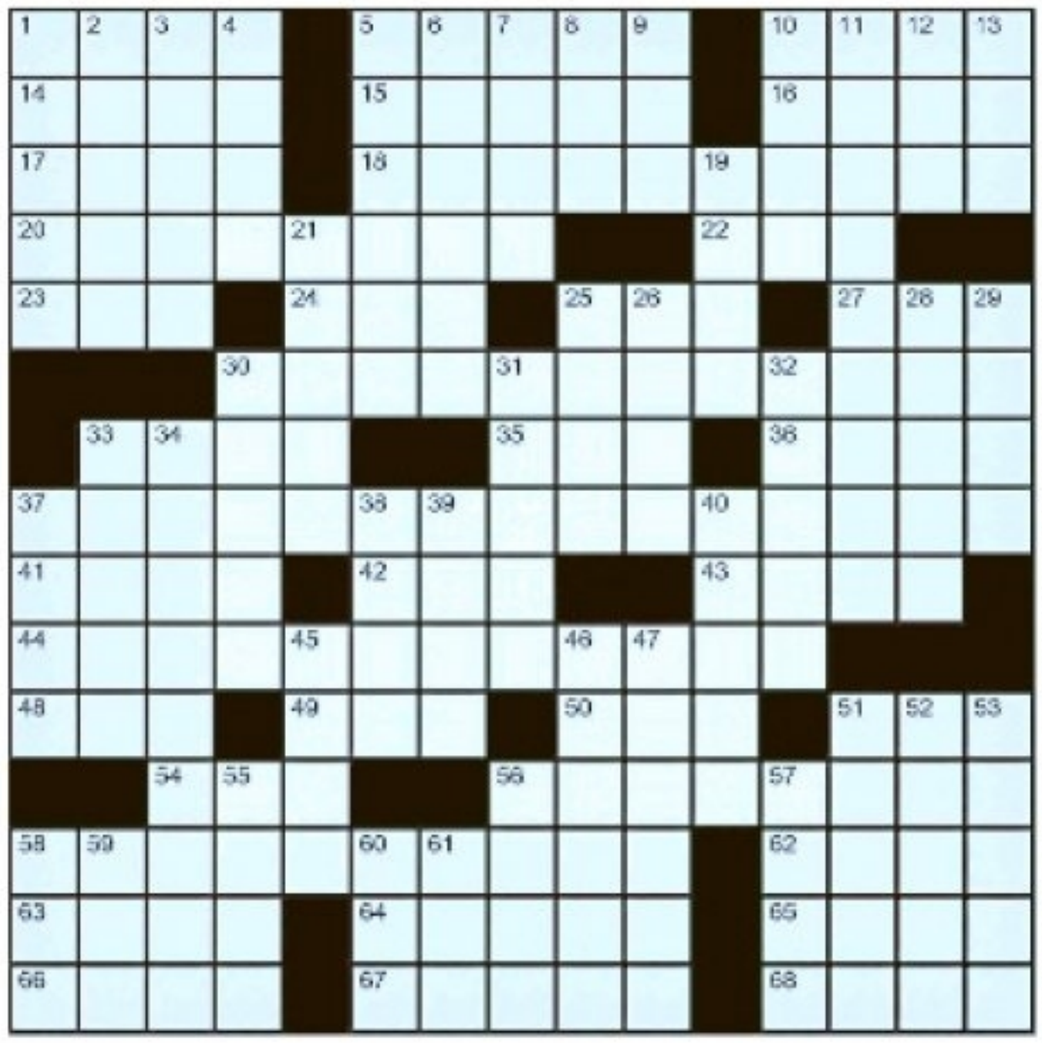
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Talks
5. Soaked soil state
10. Isolated
14. Competent
15. Sleep _
16. Australian gem
17. Ms. Perlman
18. Competitors jump hurdles to get to them: 2 wds.
20. Tortilla chips brand
22. Have
23. Timecard abbrs.
24. "Give _ _ few days." (I'll get back to you)
25. CEO's degree
27. "Fee! _! Foe! Fum!"
30. Character in Peanuts, the comic brand which Halifax-based company DHX Media just purchased a majority stake in: 2 wds.
33. "_, _ is me!"
35. Baffin, e.g.
36. Port city of Algeria
37. The cute little yellow bird at #34-Down's perching spot: 2 wds.
41. "_, _ _" (That's fine then)
42. Ms. MacGraw
43. Ms. Stone
44. Cryptologists: 2 wds.
48. Ms. Tunstall, et al.
49. Ben-Hur author Mr. Wallace
50. Mr. Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"
51. Howe'er
54. Ms. Carrere
56. "That's the one to a T!" (Get that outfit!): 3 wds.
58. Crest or Colgate
62. Seasons for Mays, wee-ly
63. 701 in ancient Rome
64. Will, fancy-style
65. 'Luck' suffix (Most fortunate)
66. _ Fifth Avenue
67. Blackthorn fruits
68. Works with grass

DOWN
1. "Wayne's World" (1992) character
2. Really find repugnant
3. Sanctify
4. Musical chairs goal
5. "Goin' Gone" country singer Kathy
6. Tumult
7. Forensic IDs
8. Calendar ender [abbr.]
9. Wild ox
10. Marcus _ (MGM co-founder)
11. Free-for-all discussion: 2 wds.
12. Ms. Imbruglia, to pals
13. Chicago trains
19. Biblical land
21. "That's cool with me.", retro-style: 2 wds.
25. Fermented soybean paste
26. Brussels is its cap.
28. "_ _ _ Teenage Werewolf" (1957)
29. -ette cousin
30. "Twistin' the Night Away" by Sam _
31. PBS celebrity chef Ms. Bastianich
32. Hotel reservation-ees
33. How the washing machine is set maybe, temperature-wise: 2 wds.
34. Southwestern Ontario city; or, Peanuts character
37. Usual missing laundry item
38. Lively
39. Oodles
40. Works as a Collie
45. Ho-hum
46. Kitchen whistler
47. Henry Ford's son's cars
51. Blood type, e.g.: wd. + letter
52. _ _'oeuvre
53. Boots
55. Medical-style suffix
56. Golfer Mr. Aoki
57. 'Psych' suffix
58. QB's feats
59. Wood sorrel
60. Initials-sharers of Art Garfunkel's partner
61. Calder Cup org.

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

♈ **Aries** March 21 - April 20
Examine your relationship with others today to see what needs to be changed. Relationships are never static and unchanging — it's quite the opposite.

♉ **Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Something going on behind the scenes concerns you today. You might have an urge to improve things, or at least stop something from getting worse.

♊ **Gemini** May 22 - June 21
You want to improve your relationships with a friend or a group today, but you might not be sure how to do this. Why not start by being friendly?

♋ **Cancer** June 22 - July 23
You want improve the appearance of something that matters to you. This is why you want people to listen to your ideas.

♌ **Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You want a change of scenery, and will move heaven and earth to make this happen, because you are so restless for a change. Even a short trip will please you.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romantic relationships are passionate and intense today. Because the intensity is so strong, the relationships actually are quite fragile. Something might make your feelings snap. (They are not stable.)

♎ **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tread carefully when dealing with partners and close friends today, because people are feeling intense. They might go off the deep end and do or say something they will later regret. This includes you as well.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have strong ideas about how to make improvements where you work. You also have strong ideas about how to improve your health.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You're determined to have fun today, and you want everyone to join you. Lighten up so that things can develop naturally.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A discussion with someone about how to improve your home will please you today. You have specific ideas you want to put into action, and you want to do that now.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Look around you and see what you can do to improve your daily environment. Any improvement is a step in the right direction.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
It's possible that you will think of new ways to earn money, or perhaps you'll get a better-paying job. You might even see ways to make money on the side. Yay!

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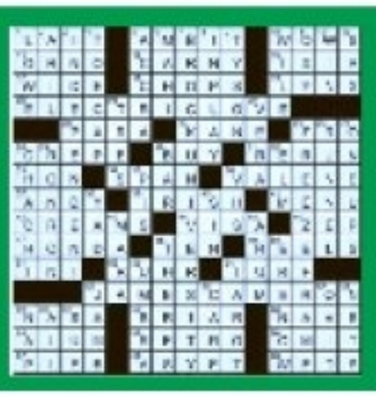

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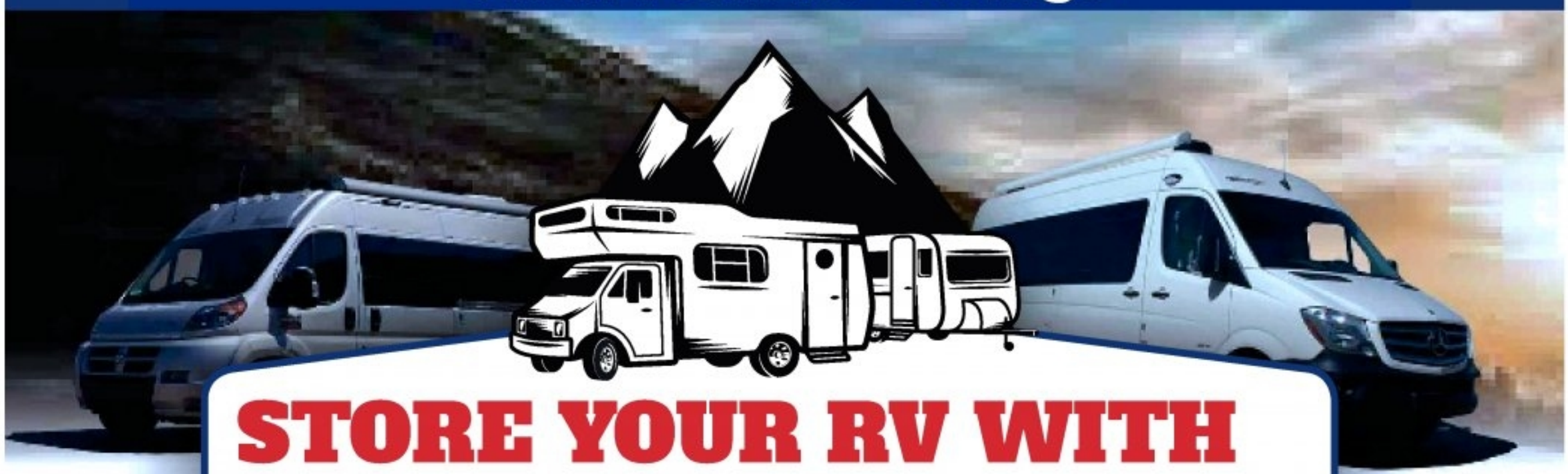

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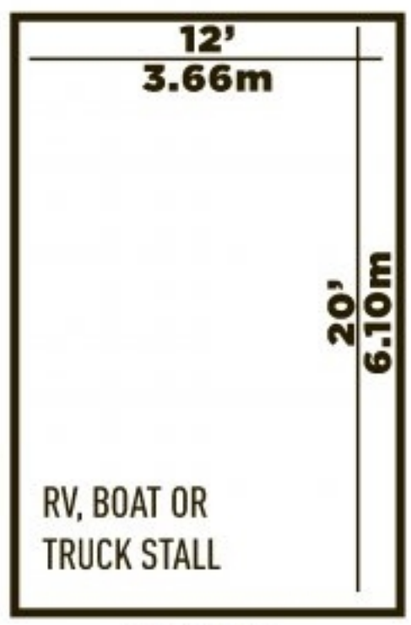

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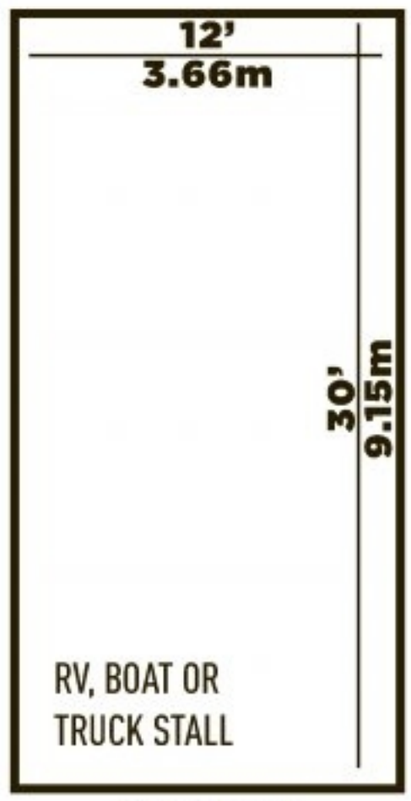

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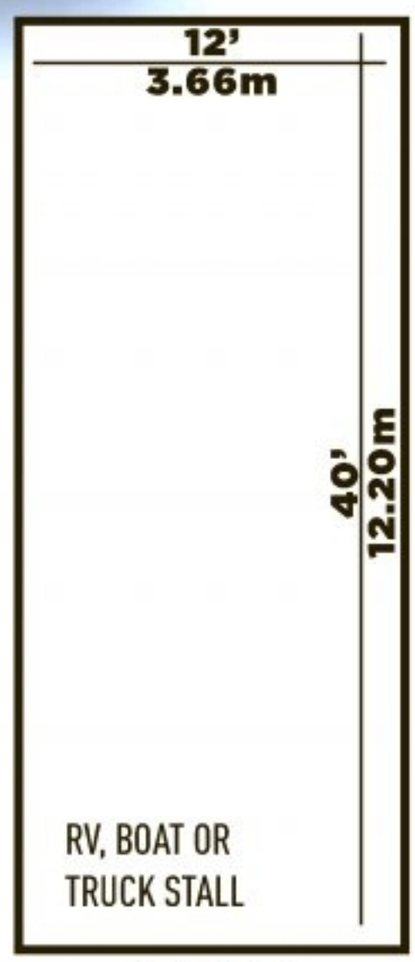

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